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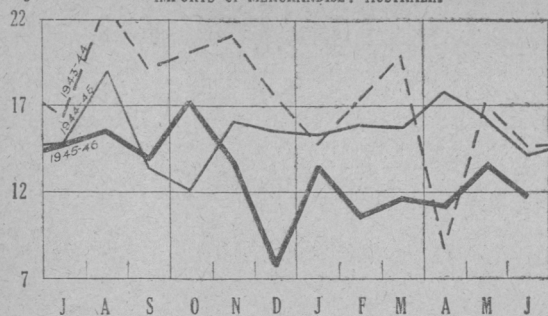
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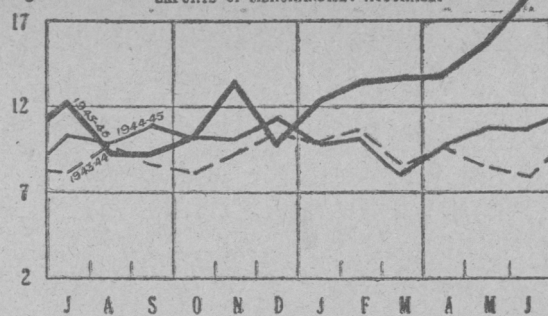
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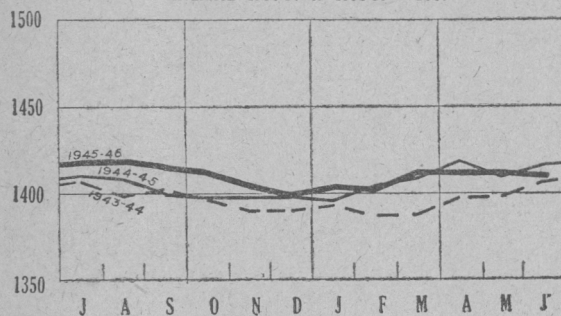
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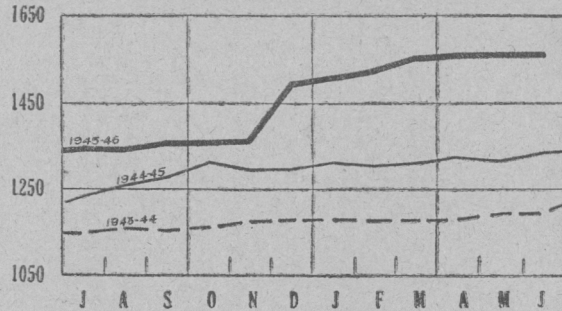
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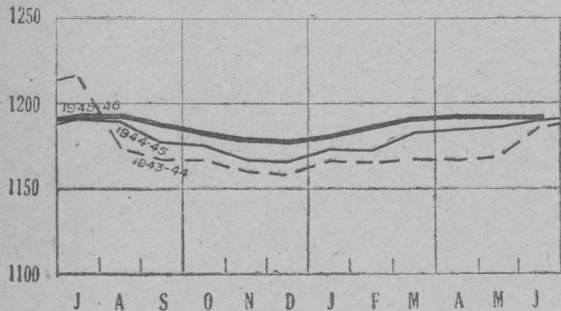
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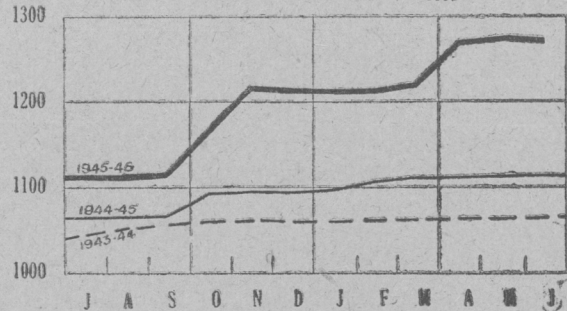
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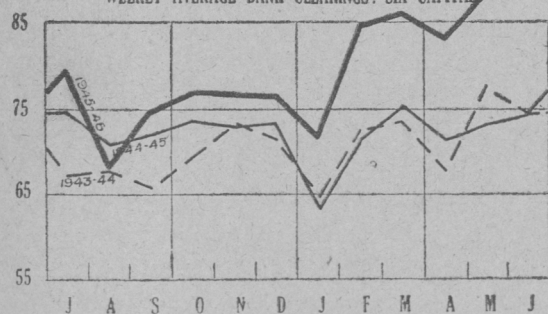
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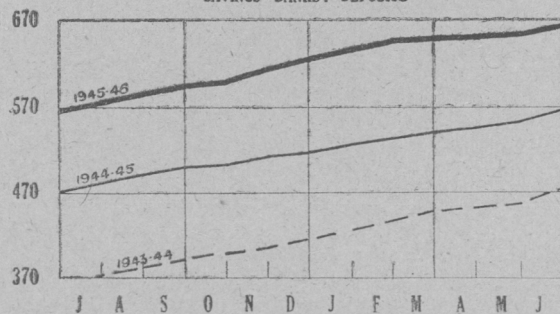
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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following table summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein:—

Period.	Employment—Australia.(a)						Wholesale Trade—Australia ; Net Sales Recorded Under Sales Tax Acts. (d)	Mainland State Railways Revenue. (d)	
	Estimated Total—All Employment.	Total—end of month (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces). (See note (b) below.)			Factories : Number of Persons Employed. (c)	Retail Stores : Index No. (Base : July, 1933 = 100).		Gross.	Net.
		Males.	Females.	Total.					
	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.		£ millions.	£'000.	£'000.
1928-29 ..	..	..	..	..	432	..	..	3,947	812
1932-33 ..	(e)1,643	(e)992	(e)341	(e)1,333	352	(f)100.0	29.1	3,017	777
1937-38 ..	..	..	..	..	536	128.3	40.6	3,632	886
1938-39 ..	..	..	..	..	542	130.0	39.8	3,580	694
1939-40 ..	(g)2,061	(g)1,293	(g)437	(g)1,730	564	130.9	42.6	3,720	817
1940-41 ..	..	..	..	..	628	132.3	43.8	4,164	943
1941-42 ..	(h)2,206	(i)1,354	(i)574	(i)1,928	703	133.2	48.4	5,235	1,178
1942-43 ..	(j)2,141	(i)1,289	(i)616	(i)1,905	739	116.3	49.7	6,615	1,540
1943-44 ..	(k)2,109	(i)1,273	(i)637	(i)1,910	745	110.4	50.5	6,434	1,190
1944-45 ..	(l)2,114	(i)1,275	(i)635	(i)1,910	727	113.8	52.3	5,869	1,056
1945-46 ..	..	(i)1,349	(i)616	(i)1,965	(m)712	126.7	(m)55.7	(n)	(n)
1944-45—		(m)	(m)	(m)					
July ..	..	1,268	635	1,903	737	110.3	51.2	5,960	1,450
August ..	..	1,269	636	1,905	735	110.7	56.6	6,349	1,625
September ..	..	1,270	636	1,906	732	110.9	54.5	5,876	1,294
October ..	..	1,267	635	1,902	730	110.3	55.0	6,132	1,540
November ..	..	1,271	638	1,909	728	113.9	54.5	6,003	1,127
December ..	..	1,269	638	1,907	727	117.8	51.5	5,982	931
January ..	..	1,275	631	1,906	720	114.3	46.8	5,955	1,489
February ..	..	1,279	635	1,914	724	114.4	49.1	5,432	1,052
March ..	..	1,281	639	1,920	728	115.1	52.7	5,712	617
April ..	..	1,280	635	1,915	724	115.2	47.9	5,574	1,054
May ..	..	1,283	633	1,916	721	116.0	54.6	5,984	874
June ..	..	1,285	634	1,919	721	116.3	52.8	5,466	(o)—384
1945-46—					(m)				
July ..	..	1,285	632	1,917	719	116.3	54.2	5,608	1,011
August ..	..	1,288	632	1,920	719	117.0	55.1	5,832	1,188
September ..	..	1,279	624	1,903	699	118.4	53.3	5,622	1,143
October ..	..	1,277	616	1,893	686	120.2	55.4	5,918	1,151
November ..	..	1,290	617	1,907	685	125.2	56.8	5,710	772
December ..	..	1,283	610	1,893	661	130.6	49.0	4,792	189
January ..	..	1,338	604	1,942	696	127.2	48.6	5,455	1,002
February ..	..	1,382	609	1,991	720	129.3	53.6	5,327	856
March ..	..	1,413	613	2,026	733	131.5	62.2	5,731	778
April ..	..	1,427	610	2,037	732	133.0	57.7	5,580	819
May ..	..	1,454	612	2,066	741	135.1	(m)65.5	6,025	811
June ..	..	1,473	611	2,084	750	136.3	(m)56.6	(n)	(n)
1946-47—									
July ..	..	1,494	613	2,107	762	138.3	(n)	(n)	(n)

(a) Total number of wage or salary earners in employment excluding employees in the defence forces, at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers. (b) Figures for June, 1933, July, 1939, and June, 1943, were obtained from the Census, National Register and Civilian Register respectively. All figures to June, 1943, are now final. (c) Excludes working proprietors. (d) Monthly average for years and monthly totals. (e) June, 1933. (f) July, 1933. (g) July, 1939. (h) July, 1941. (i) Average for year. (j) June, 1942. (k) June, 1943. (l) June, 1945, Subject to revision. (m) Subject to revision. (n) Not yet available. (o) Includes in some States certain annual and other commitments. Minus sign (—) indicates loss.

INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

At end of Period.	P.M.G.'s Depart- ment Receipts. (a)	Motor Vehicles on Register (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles).		Building Permits (b) Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	Savings Bank Deposits.	Australian Notes held by Public.	Bank Clearings Six Capitals (Weekly Averages).	Nine Australian Trading Banks.		
		Motor Cars.	Com- mercial Vehicles, etc.					Deposits.		Advances.
								Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	
	£'000. (c)	'000.	'000.	£'000. (c)	£ millions.	£ millions. (d)	£ millions.	£ millions. (e)	£ millions. (e)	£ millions. (e)
1928-29 ..	1,071	474	72	2,621	225.5	25.5	45.1	176.9	107.5	246.7
1932-33 ..	1,053	438	106	565	202.3	25.0	30.1	185.3	88.6	232.3
1937-38 ..	1,396	535	242	2,307	240.4	31.9	44.0	198.9	120.4	284.1
1938-39 ..	1,447	562	258	2,353	245.6	33.1	43.1	201.2	120.1	290.8
1939-40 ..	1,491	560	261	2,206	237.0	39.1	48.0	212.1	138.4	286.8
1940-41 ..	1,590	538	262	2,342	252.2	49.4	52.1	207.3	157.7	283.1
1941-42 ..	1,803	451	251	1,128	274.3	68.8	57.4	192.9	193.6	269.9
1942-43 ..	2,033	472	256	272	358.0	107.7	65.7	196.9	258.4	244.8
1943-44 ..	2,223	493	274	299	471.5	149.3	70.5	218.3	319.9	224.9
1944-45 ..	2,323	506	291	520	567.0	177.1	72.2	224.9	364.3	205.8
1945-46 ..	2,367	523	333	2,198	663.6	175.7	79.6	214.5	417.2	(f) 219.7
Monthly Totals.										
1944-45—										
August ..	2,432	497	277	415	491.7	180.0	70.8	221.3	313.8	214.0
September ..	2,298	498	279	402	500.0	181.9	71.9	221.4	321.2	215.0
October ..	2,314	499	280	492	503.0	182.7	73.6	222.2	329.6	216.2
November ..	2,279	501	281	431	510.5	180.3	72.9	223.9	331.5	212.0
December ..	2,279	502	282	458	516.7	187.2	73.1	224.2	346.9	206.1
January ..	2,262	504	283	568	524.5	178.2	63.1	225.8	354.4	202.0
February ..	2,423	504	284	498	532.3	176.5	71.6	227.2	362.0	199.5
March ..	2,454	504	285	489	540.0	171.3	75.4	228.1	369.8	198.5
April ..	2,169	505	288	512	543.2	168.5	71.2	225.9	370.1	203.6
May ..	2,433	506	289	663	552.1	169.0	73.1	224.6	362.8	206.3
June ..	2,382	506	291	847	567.0	169.8	74.4	224.1	358.5	207.9
1945-46—										
July ..	2,190	505	292	806	574.6	167.1	79.5	223.5	348.5	212.1
August ..	2,495	505	294	1,198	584.7	168.8	68.4	223.8	351.2	210.3
September ..	2,309	506	296	1,942	593.0	170.2	74.9	224.9	354.8	(f) 207.8
October ..	2,545	509	300	2,383	599.7	172.0	76.7	222.7	362.5	209.1
November ..	2,279	511	304	2,044	611.7	173.3	76.5	222.5	368.9	210.1
December ..	2,105	512	307	1,433	622.6	179.7	76.2	222.7	383.6	208.9
January ..	2,478	515	311	1,997	635.3	178.3	71.6	221.4	392.8	208.7
February ..	2,341	518	315	2,343	645.1	177.6	84.4	221.2	407.4	207.7
March ..	2,424	519	321	2,842	648.9	178.2	86.0	218.1	418.0	209.5
April ..	2,244	520	324	2,745	649.7	181.8	83.1	215.8	420.2	215.4
May ..	2,565	522	330	3,484	652.7	180.3	88.5	214.1	416.7	220.4
June ..	2,421	523	333	3,154	663.6	181.7	89.4	213.1	414.0	224.3
1946-47—										
July ..	2,311	523	336	3,968	666.6	180.2	98.6	212.4	400.7	236.2
August ..	2,446	(g) 526	(g) 341	3,956	666.9	180.5	85.7	210.4	406.1	238.4

(a) Actual collections. (b) All building operations for which permits granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see footnote, page 23). (c) Monthly averages. (d) Average of twelve monthly statements. (e) Quarter ended June. Inscribed Deposit Stock, previously included in quarterly averages of deposits, has been excluded for comparison with monthly averages. (f) Figures for September and onward are not strictly comparable with previous figures owing to the exclusion of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets. (g) Subject to revision.

AUSTRALIA : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

(Thousands).

Month	Total Employment. (a) (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities (b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Wealth Works Projects. (d)	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (e)
MALES.										
1941—July ..	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	54.4	490.9	..	202.3	102.0	117.1	127.1
1942—June ..	420.9	888.6	1,309.5	48.0	509.0	48.6	205.6	81.2	98.5	111.6
1943—June ..	412.5	861.4	1,273.9	45.0	520.7	46.7	205.1	71.4	88.8	106.5
1944—June ..	404.0	867.5	1,271.5	44.2	518.2	27.0	212.6	71.1	91.3	111.6
1945—August ..	398.1	889.4	1,287.5	44.6	514.3	15.1	222.1	76.8	95.8	119.8
November..	390.3	899.3	1,289.6	43.9	494.4	7.4	225.5	83.9	104.2	124.3
December..	395.5	887.2	1,282.7	42.8	476.4	7.2	226.2	89.1	105.7	126.6
1946—January ..	400.0	938.1	1,338.1	44.3	510.7	6.5	230.0	90.4	111.5	130.1
February ..	408.6	973.6	1,382.2	46.1	531.0	6.4	235.7	93.0	115.4	133.3
March ..	416.1	997.0	1,413.1	46.7	540.5	6.9	239.2	95.7	119.6	136.7
April ..	421.6	1,005.8	1,427.4	46.2	542.5	6.6	241.5	98.5	121.3	139.6
May ..	428.0	1,026.0	1,454.0	47.7	550.2	6.5	243.5	101.0	126.2	142.3
June ..	433.7	1,039.4	1,473.1	48.2	557.1	6.6	246.6	102.8	128.7	143.3
July ..	436.0	1,058.0	1,494.0	48.2	567.4	6.5	248.2	105.7	130.8	145.4
FEMALES.										
1941—July ..	70.8	477.7	548.5	0.5	187.8	..	21.1	102.3	44.1	148.1
1942—June ..	100.8	494.0	594.8	0.6	206.0	..	25.6	104.1	51.6	152.3
1943—June ..	129.2	502.1	631.3	0.5	228.6	..	34.5	98.2	52.5	157.2
1944—June ..	129.9	503.9	633.8	0.6	217.4	..	37.2	95.8	52.3	166.5
1945—August ..	118.9	513.5	632.4	0.6	204.7	..	38.5	99.9	53.6	176.0
November..	103.8	513.9	617.7	0.7	190.6	..	37.6	105.0	53.3	178.0
December..	101.7	508.7	610.4	0.6	184.6	..	37.3	108.0	52.6	175.7
1946—January ..	99.1	504.5	603.6	0.7	184.8	..	37.1	101.6	52.4	176.2
February ..	97.8	511.0	608.8	0.6	189.0	..	36.3	102.2	52.0	178.9
March ..	96.2	517.0	613.2	0.6	192.0	..	35.6	102.7	52.0	181.3
April ..	95.1	514.9	610.0	0.7	189.9	..	35.0	102.3	51.6	181.7
May ..	94.2	517.9	612.1	0.7	191.0	..	34.8	103.0	51.6	182.8
June ..	93.1	518.3	611.4	0.7	192.5	..	34.5	102.9	51.3	182.6
July ..	92.0	520.6	612.6	0.7	194.2	..	33.9	103.0	51.6	182.9
PERSONS.										
1941—July ..	446.1	1,465.8	1,911.9	54.9	678.7	..	223.4	204.3	161.2	275.2
1942—June ..	521.7	1,382.6	1,904.3	48.6	715.0	48.6	231.2	185.3	150.1	263.9
1943—June ..	541.7	1,363.5	1,905.2	45.5	749.3	46.7	239.6	169.6	141.3	263.7
1944—June ..	533.9	1,371.4	1,905.3	44.8	735.6	27.0	249.8	166.9	143.6	278.1
1945—August ..	517.0	1,402.9	1,919.9	45.2	719.0	15.1	260.6	176.7	149.4	295.8
November..	494.1	1,413.2	1,907.3	44.6	685.0	7.4	263.1	188.9	157.5	302.3
December..	497.2	1,395.9	1,893.1	43.4	661.0	7.2	263.5	197.1	158.3	302.3
1946—January ..	499.1	1,442.6	1,941.7	45.0	695.5	6.5	267.1	192.0	163.9	306.3
February ..	506.4	1,484.6	1,991.0	46.7	720.0	6.4	272.0	195.2	167.4	312.2
March ..	512.3	1,514.0	2,026.3	47.3	732.5	6.9	274.8	198.4	171.6	318.0
April ..	516.7	1,520.7	2,037.4	46.9	732.4	6.6	276.5	200.8	172.9	321.3
May ..	522.2	1,543.9	2,066.1	48.4	741.2	6.5	278.3	204.0	177.8	325.1
June ..	526.8	1,557.7	2,084.5	48.9	749.6	6.6	281.1	205.7	180.0	325.9
July ..	528.0	1,578.6	2,106.6	48.9	761.6	6.5	282.1	208.7	182.4	328.3

(a) Employees in the defence forces, at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are excluded. From July, 1941, estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment.

(b) Includes employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) and of Allied Governments.

(c) From July, 1945, monthly figures are estimates subject to revision.

(d) Department of Works and Housing, formerly Allied Works Council.

(e) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.

(Number of Employees in Thousands. Excludes Working Proprietors.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Vic-toria.	Queens-land.	South Aus-tralia.	Western Aus-tralia.	Tas-mania.	Australia.				
							Govern-mental (Munitions, Aircraft and Ships).(a)	Other Factories (including War Contractors).(b)	Total Factories.	Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1000.	
										Un-adjusted.	Divided by Index of Total Population.
1928-29 ..	174.1	149.3	43.4	35.4	19.8	10.0	7.1	424.9	432.0	822	889
1937-38 ..	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	7.4	528.5	535.9	1019	1019
1938-39 ..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	10.1	532.1	542.2	1031	1022
1939-40 ..	227.1	204.4	53.0	43.5	21.9	14.0	16.9	547.0	563.9	1073	1053
1940-41 ..	257.0	229.7	54.8	49.5	21.8	15.1	41.5	586.4	627.9	1194	1159
1941-42 ..	289.3	250.5	59.5	63.8	23.0	16.7	79.8	623.0	702.8	1337	1286
1942-43 ..	306.4	255.6	62.2	71.5	25.1	18.0	121.8	617.0	738.8	1405	1339
1943-44 ..	313.8	253.9	62.5	67.9	27.2	19.2	116.0	628.5	744.5	1416	1338
1944-45 ..	304.8	249.6	61.8	64.0	28.1	18.9	89.1	638.1	727.2	1383	1293
1945-46 ..	296.9	246.3	61.4	60.3	29.1	17.7	42.7 _c	669.0	711.7	1354	1254
1944-45—											
July ..	309.2	250.6	64.4	65.3	27.8	19.2	101.6	634.9	736.5	1401	1315
August ..	308.2	250.2	64.5	65.1	27.8	19.3	98.9	636.2	735.1	1398	1313
September ..	307.0	249.6	64.3	64.9	27.7	18.9	98.2	634.2	732.4	1393	1307
October ..	305.4	249.9	63.8	64.3	27.8	18.6	94.7	635.1	729.8	1388	1301
November ..	304.9	249.8	63.1	64.2	27.9	18.4	91.2	637.1	728.3	1385	1297
December ..	305.8	249.8	60.3	64.2	28.1	18.7	88.3	638.6	726.9	1383	1294
January ..	302.9	248.0	58.0	63.8	28.1	18.9	86.8	632.9	719.7	1369	1278
February ..	304.0	250.3	59.6	63.3	28.1	18.9	85.1	639.1	724.2	1378	1285
March ..	304.2	251.3	60.4	64.3	28.5	19.0	83.9	643.8	727.7	1384	1290
April ..	303.0	249.6	60.4	63.1	28.5	19.0	81.1	642.5	723.6	1376	1282
May ..	301.2	247.9	61.3	62.7	28.6	19.1	79.9	640.9	720.8	1371	1277
June ..	301.7	247.4	61.8	62.5	28.6	18.8	79.4	641.4	720.8	1371	1275
1945-46—(d)											
July ..	301.0	246.1	62.4	62.5	28.7	18.6	76.7	642.6	719.3	1368	1273
August ..	301.4	245.8	64.1	61.3	28.5	17.9	71.8	647.2	719.0	1368	1271
September ..	292.0	240.0	63.2	58.9	28.0	17.2	58.4	640.9	699.3	1330	1235
October ..	282.7	237.8	62.5	58.0	27.9	16.7	49.6	636.0	685.6	1304	1210
November ..	281.3	237.8	62.9	58.0	28.4	16.6	44.6	640.4	685.0	1303	1208
December ..	265.9	237.7	58.4	53.8	28.4	16.8	40.8	620.2	661.0	1257	1164
January ..	290.7	241.7	58.8	58.4	28.8	17.1	30.2 _c	665.3	695.5	1323	1225
February ..	302.6	247.9	62.1	60.6	29.3	17.5	29.6	690.4	720.0	1370	1267
March ..	307.4	252.2	62.9	62.0	29.9	18.1	29.2	703.3	732.5	1393	1287
April ..	308.5	253.7	58.9	62.6	30.2	18.5	27.7	704.7	732.4	1393	1286
May ..	313.8	255.4	59.3	63.4	30.6	18.7	27.0	714.2	741.2	1410	1301
June ..	315.8	259.2	60.9	64.0	30.9	18.8	26.4	723.2	749.6	1426	1314
1946-47—											
July ..	318.3	261.9	66.4	65.0	31.3	18.7	(e)	(e)	761.6	1449	1335

(a) Includes Government munitions and aircraft establishments and naval dockyards, also major aircraft and shipbuilding contractors, but excludes other private factories, of which large numbers undertook war contracts. (b) Includes railway and tramway workshops, electricity and other Governmental institutions not included in previous column. (c) For January, 1946 and following months shipbuilding contractors are included in Other Factories. (d) From July, 1945, monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision. (e) Series discontinued as from July, 1946.

RETAIL STORES EMPLOYMENT INDEX.

Compiled from numbers of employees on the last pay-roll of each month shown on pay-roll tax returns of taxable employers whose principal activity was retail trade.

Month.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia (Six States).
Males—Index of Employment.							
No. of Employees—July, 1941	31,868	23,782	10,701	7,278	4,746	2,529	80,904
1941—July	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
November	1007	996	1020	987	961	996	1001
1945—July	725	747	767	807	794	850	752
August	734	758	762	803	788	867	758
September	747	768	778	821	806	880	772
October	764	787	792	847	828	888	789
November	795	839	816	890	886	922	828
December	870	867	866	924	930	960	880
1946—January	855	905	888	942	963	993	892
February	882	925	921	960	1014	1019	919
March	912	938	961	993	1048	1038	945
April	937	974	983	1020	1067	1047	973
May	957	997	1012	1054	1099	1069	997
June	978	1011	1030	1071	1125	1080	1016
July	1015	1032	1050	1103	1150	1089	1043
Females—Index of Employment.							
No. of Employees—July, 1941	31,840	22,088	8,533	7,184	4,832	2,067	76,544
1941—July	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
November	1060	1055	1069	1075	1070	1058	1062
1945—July	958	910	1042	1047	1003	1059	970
August	965	922	1055	1042	1003	1060	975
September	970	929	1059	1055	1021	1066	983
October	980	939	1059	1059	1030	1084	991
November	1013	983	1092	1086	1047	1115	1026
December	1069	992	1091	1085	1097	1146	1056
1946—January	988	934	1058	1046	1035	1095	993
February	995	951	1055	1042	1017	1101	999
March	1003	944	1057	1058	1043	1104	1003
April	991	949	1057	1059	1038	1094	999
May	1000	951	1076	1067	1042	1085	1006
June	997	948	1069	1070	1054	1095	1005
July	999	953	1066	1071	1048	1077	1007
Persons—Index of Employment.							
No. of Employees—July, 1941	63,708	45,870	19,234	14,462	9,578	4,596	157,448
1941—July	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
November	1034	1025	1042	1031	1016	1024	1030
1945—July	841	825	889	926	899	944	858
August	849	837	892	922	897	953	864
September	858	845	902	938	914	963	874
October	871	859	910	951	929	975	887
November	903	907	938	986	965	1008	923
December	968	925	965	1002	1012	1042	964
1946—January	920	914	962	990	995	1033	938
February	939	938	982	1002	1016	1060	954
March	958	941	1005	1026	1045	1071	970
April	964	961	1017	1040	1051	1071	981
May	979	974	1041	1061	1069	1077	997
June	988	979	1048	1071	1087	1088	1005
July	1007	992	1058	1087	1096	1083	1020

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

(Estimates—Subject to Revision.)

Wages which are recorded on Pay-roll Tax Returns represent approximately 80 per cent. of the total for Australia; the balance has been estimated.

Period.	New South Wales. (a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia. (b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
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AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000).

1941-42—							
June Qtr. ..	4,484	3,143	1,381	936	600	283	10,827
1942-43—							
September Qtr. ..	4,503	3,127	1,453	931	567	273	10,854
December „ ..	4,742	3,263	1,538	967	587	283	11,380
March „ ..	4,508	3,145	1,412	916	582	269	10,832
June „ ..	4,679	3,244	1,549	947	596	293	11,308
1943-44—							
September Qtr. ..	4,649	3,228	1,592	948	600	294	11,311
December „ ..	4,947	3,359	1,677	979	622	304	11,888
March „ ..	4,584	3,131	1,559	935	593	306	11,108
June „ ..	4,726	3,222	1,589	972	614	313	11,436
1944-45—							
September Qtr. ..	4,590	3,135	1,549	962	599	312	11,147
December „ ..	4,766	3,260	1,553	964	629	306	11,478
March „ ..	4,551	3,073	1,414	913	619	303	10,873
June „ ..	4,783	3,223	1,540	911	632	321	11,410
1945-46—							
September Qtr. ..	4,735	3,183	1,514	932	643	325	11,332
December „ ..	4,808	3,320	1,555	896	654	322	11,555
March „ ..	4,767	3,248	1,438	911	667	332	11,363
June „ ..	5,313	3,638	1,580	1,013	733	367	12,644

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER MALE UNIT (£).(c)

1941-42—							
June Qtr. ..	6.28	6.18	5.73	5.60	5.73	5.13	6.05
1942-43—							
September Qtr. ..	6.36	6.33	6.03	5.70	5.67	5.05	6.17
December „ ..	6.72	6.71	6.43	6.03	5.89	5.32	6.52
March „ ..	6.41	6.48	5.89	5.78	5.82	5.04	6.22
June „ ..	6.70	6.75	6.42	6.07	6.00	5.53	6.54
1943-44—							
September Qtr. ..	6.58	6.80	6.59	6.09	6.09	5.60	6.58
December „ ..	7.11	7.10	6.86	6.25	6.30	5.70	6.90
March „ ..	6.59	6.56	6.43	5.95	6.04	5.66	6.44
June „ ..	6.82	6.79	6.71	6.09	6.24	5.70	6.66
1944-45—							
September Qtr. ..	6.62	6.60	6.61	5.99	6.08	5.66	6.49
December „ ..	6.84	6.84	6.72	6.05	6.30	5.59	6.68
March „ ..	6.50	6.42	6.07	5.78	6.15	5.41	6.30
June „ ..	6.81	6.75	6.51	5.82	6.25	5.66	6.60
1945-46—							
September Qtr. ..	6.72	6.67	6.36	5.99	6.32	5.73	6.54
December „ ..	6.91	6.91	6.43	5.92	6.29	5.66	6.68
March „ ..	6.38	6.41	5.66	5.74	6.03	5.46	6.18
June „ ..	6.76	6.85	5.96	6.03	6.25	5.71	6.55

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Total civil employment expressed in male units is derived by adding to total male employment 45 per cent. of total female employment.

NOTE.—The above figures are approximations subject to revision when data are sufficient for the final estimate of annual amounts paid and average quarterly earnings.

DISCHARGES FROM THE FORCES.

The following tables have been derived from tabulations of Forms Demobilization 1 (a) completed by all Service personnel on discharge.

DISCHARGES, ALL SERVICES—STATES.

Month.	Males.						Australia.	
	New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Males.	Females.
1945-46—								
August	5,038	4,048	1,541	1,098	1,241	347	13,313	1,205
September ..	8,581	7,223	4,174	2,766	1,632	591	24,967	1,729
October	13,740	13,965	6,480	2,964	2,926	1,156	41,231	2,961
November .. .	26,913	16,507	8,782	6,798	5,513	1,563	66,076	3,942
December .. .	18,787	15,043	8,003	3,699	5,206	2,122	52,860	3,410
January .. .	27,539	18,187	10,057	6,402	8,010	2,032	72,227	4,292
February .. .	15,585	14,898	6,312	4,258	4,473	1,265	46,791	4,218
March	16,107	12,659	5,785	4,824	4,219	1,156	44,750	3,705
April	11,967	10,411	5,533	2,793	2,564	941	34,209	2,636
May	11,518	8,244	3,686	2,812	2,275	798	29,333	2,296
June	10,761	6,345	4,048	2,234	2,054	582	26,024	1,837
1946-47—								
July	7,505	5,344	2,188	1,630	1,673	502	18,842	1,683
August (c) ..	4,417	4,014	1,350	1,262	874	273	12,190	1,677

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Subject to revision.

PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIES IN WHICH DISCHARGED PERSONS PLACED.

(Period : Fourteen months ended July, 1946.)

Industry.	Males.						Australia.	
	New South Wales. (a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia. (b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Males.	Females.
Dairying	1,244	1,686	1,231	360	432	77	5,030	12
Other Rural .. .	13,788	9,995	7,266	4,948	3,789	1,350	41,136	131
Factories	40,546	36,391	12,004	10,303	7,165	2,660	109,069	1,949
Building and Construction(c) ..	15,236	14,570	6,484	3,774	3,572	1,381	45,017	95
Transport and Communication	15,858	11,793	5,193	3,502	3,710	1,232	41,288	667
Commerce and Finance .. .	31,141	25,713	11,712	8,191	7,858	2,008	86,623	2,650
Public Administration and Professional .. .	11,077	7,651	4,282	2,113	2,363	675	28,161	2,644
Other Industries .. .	7,910	6,287	3,641	2,473	4,758	799	25,868	885
Total Placed(d) .. .	136,800	114,086	51,813	35,664	33,647	10,182	382,192	9,033
Commenced Full-time Training	3,233	3,326	2,295	1,875	1,144	434	12,307	2,385
Repatriation Matters Pending	450	79	120	76	51	17	793	32
Placement Deferred at Own Request	32,307	10,415	8,253	4,114	5,434	1,695	62,218	5,631
Temporarily Unfit	69	96	21	33	17	23	259	33
Other not Placed(e) .. .	4,521	8,758	5,323	1,819	2,729	1,130	24,280	2,426
Not Requiring Work(f) .. .	1,677	435	591	57	41	21	2,822	16,321
Total Discharges {	166,042	126,651	62,617	38,876	38,872	11,632	444,690	35,264
	13,015	10,544	5,799	4,762	4,191	1,870	40,181	597
	179,057	137,195	68,416	43,638	43,063	13,502	484,871	35,861

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Includes Gas, Water and Electricity Supply. (d) Refers to first placement of a discharged person. Actual date of commencing work may be some weeks later. (e) Refers to persons for whom notification of placement has not been received within two weeks of the end of the month of discharge. The majority of these are subsequently placed in industry. (f) Includes persons totally disabled, retirements (including females going to unpaid home duties), etc.

TRADE UNION UNEMPLOYMENT RETURNS.

The only regular records of unemployment available in comparable form over a considerable period are the quarterly percentages reported by trade unions to the Commonwealth Statistician. The membership of the reporting unions consists predominantly of males, and represents at present about 56 per cent. of the total trade union membership and between 20 and 25 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. For some States the returns are a more representative sample than for others. This table, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment amongst unionists in the individual States but as an indication of trend of unemployment as reported by secretaries of trade unions.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1938-39	10.3	10.0	6.0	9.4	6.5	8.9	9.3
1939-40	12.1	8.3	6.1	8.8	6.8	6.3	9.4
1940-41	7.5	4.0	4.9	4.5	4.4	4.3	5.6
1941-42	2.8	1.7	3.4	1.6	1.9	2.2	2.4
1942-43	1.5	0.9	1.6	1.0	1.6	1.1	1.3
1943-44	1.5	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.6	1.0	1.2
1944-45	1.6	0.8	0.6	1.1	1.1	0.8	1.2
1945-46	1.5	1.1	0.9	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.3
1943-44—							
February	1.3	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.5	0.7	1.0
May	1.9	0.9	0.7	1.3	1.9	0.7	1.4
1944-45—							
August	1.6	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.2	0.9	1.2
November	1.6	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.2	0.7	1.2
February	1.5	0.8	0.5	1.2	1.0	0.7	1.1
May	1.5	0.8	0.6	1.5	1.1	0.8	1.1
1945-46—							
August	1.5	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2
November	1.5	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.2
February	1.5	1.3	0.8	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.4
May	1.6	1.1	0.9	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.3

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS: CHANGE FROM FEBRUARY, 1946, TO MAY, 1946.

Manufacturing—I. Wood, furniture, &c., 0.7% to 0.8%; II. Engineering, metal works, &c., 0.9% to 0.8%; III. Food, drink, tobacco, &c., 2.2% to 2.5%; IV. Clothing, hats, boots, &c., 1.0% to 1.3%; V. Books, printing, &c., nil (0.6%); VI. Other Manufacturing, nil (2.7%); VII. Building, 1.8% to 1.5%; VIII. Mining, quarrying, &c., 3.0% to 3.6%; X. Land Transport, other than railway and tramway services, nil (1.5%); IX., XI., XII., XIII. and XIV. Other and Miscellaneous, 1.1% to 1.0%; All Groups, 1.4% to 1.3%.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES.

£'000 Sterling.

Period.	Producers' Materials for use in—								Fuels and Lubricants.		Auxiliary Aids to Production.		Munitions and War Stores.	
	Building and Construction.	Rural Industries.	Manufacturing.	Total.										
	Class Ia.	Class Ib.	Class Ic.	Class I.				Class II.	Class III.	Class VII.				
Annual Totals.														
		%		%		%		%		%		%		%
1928-29 ..	10,192	7.1	1,906	1.3	53,147	37.1	65,245	45.5	9,543	6.7	4,948	3.5	441	0.3
1937-38 ..	4,966	4.4	1,627	1.5	45,104	40.2	51,697	46.1	8,255	7.4	4,951	4.4	386	0.4
1938-39 ..	4,054	4.1	1,801	1.8	37,878	38.2	43,733	44.1	7,744	7.8	4,938	4.9	929	0.9
1939-40 ..	4,014	3.5	1,601	1.4	47,901	41.4	53,516	46.3	11,008	9.5	6,351	5.5	4,246	3.6
1940-41 ..	2,961	2.7	1,137	1.0	49,194	45.3	53,292	49.0	7,052	6.5	5,924	5.5	8,520	7.8
1941-42 ..	2,634	1.8	977	0.7	55,547	37.1	59,158	39.6	12,806	8.6	6,310	4.2	30,950	20.7
1942-43 ..	1,946	0.9	1,077	0.5	50,354	23.7	53,377	25.1	14,867	7.0	6,833	3.2	72,001	34.0
1943-44 ..	2,031	1.0	1,510	0.7	61,402	29.2	64,943	30.9	20,101	9.5	7,473	3.5	52,979	25.4
1944-45 ..	2,158	1.2	1,905	1.0	64,614	34.7	68,677	36.9	17,322	9.3	8,549	4.6	43,005	23.1
1945-46 ..	2,722	1.8	3,667	2.4	57,239	36.8	63,628	41.0	17,512	11.3	6,627	4.3	26,724	17.2
Monthly Totals.														
1944-45—														
October ..	154	1.3	224	1.8	5,488	45.4	5,866	48.5	1,204	10.0	429	3.6	1,353	11.1
November ..	235	1.5	201	1.2	7,150	44.3	7,586	47.0	1,511	9.4	894	5.5	3,049	18.9
December ..	112	0.7	208	1.3	4,098	26.4	4,418	28.4	1,090	7.0	521	3.4	6,140	39.6
January ..	193	1.3	127	0.8	5,812	38.0	6,132	40.1	1,236	8.1	795	5.2	3,739	24.4
February ..	112	0.7	203	1.3	3,921	24.7	4,236	26.7	2,062	13.0	607	3.8	4,856	30.6
March ..	189	1.2	77	0.5	6,442	41.1	6,708	42.8	1,698	10.8	859	5.5	1,834	11.7
April ..	148	0.8	53	0.3	5,873	33.1	6,074	34.2	1,700	9.6	1,050	5.9	5,089	28.6
May ..	223	1.4	257	1.6	5,391	33.1	5,871	36.1	1,020	6.3	542	3.3	4,271	26.3
June ..	197	1.4	112	0.8	4,473	31.5	4,782	33.7	1,139	8.0	508	3.6	3,289	23.2
1945-46—														
July ..	167	1.1	190	1.3	4,221	28.6	4,578	31.0	1,259	8.5	667	4.5	4,532	30.7
August ..	255	1.6	181	1.2	5,553	35.7	5,989	38.5	1,843	11.9	341	2.2	3,259	21.0
September ..	246	1.8	350	2.5	4,730	33.8	5,326	38.1	1,572	11.3	631	4.5	3,035	21.7
October ..	171	1.0	711	4.1	4,130	23.9	5,012	29.0	2,748	15.9	691	4.0	4,543	26.3
November ..	205	1.5	300	2.2	5,957	43.4	6,462	47.1	1,059	7.7	650	4.7	2,605	19.0
December ..	95	1.3	309	4.1	2,351	31.0	2,755	36.4	719	9.5	268	3.5	2,508	33.1
January ..	235	1.7	247	1.8	5,565	41.3	6,047	44.8	1,903	14.1	642	4.8	1,578	11.7
February ..	298	2.8	347	3.3	4,197	39.4	4,842	45.5	1,421	13.3	590	5.5	556	5.2
March ..	217	1.9	262	2.2	5,156	44.2	5,635	48.3	1,479	12.7	508	4.4	836	7.2
April ..	289	2.6	402	3.6	4,337	38.7	5,028	44.9	778	7.0	412	3.7	1,488	13.3
May ..	299	2.2	201	1.5	5,995	43.6	6,495	47.3	1,541	11.2	691	5.0	848	6.2
June ..	245	2.1	167	1.4	5,047	42.9	5,459	46.4	1,190	10.1	536	4.5	936	8.0
1946-47—														
July ..	229	1.9	254	2.1	5,263	42.8	5,746	46.8	987	8.1	644	5.2	1,265	10.3
August ..	261	1.8	216	1.5	6,351	43.4	6,828	46.7	885	6.0	683	4.7	434	3.0

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

£'000 Sterling.

Period.	Capital Equipment.						Finished Consumers' Goods.							
	Producers' Equipment.	Transport Equipment.				Food, Beverages and Tobacco.	Clothing and Accessories.	All Other.	Total.					
		Road Vehicles and Complete Parts.	Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft.											
			Class V. B.	Class V. A, C, D.	Class VI. A, B, C.					Class VI. D.	Class VI. E-J.	Class VI.		
Class IV.														
Annual Totals.														
1928-29 ..	12,077	8.4	15,216	10.6	1,343	0.9	10,606	7.4	2,925	2.1	20,937	14.6	34,468	24.1
1937-38 ..	12,090	10.9	12,218	11.0	2,156	1.9	5,589	5.0	711	0.6	13,680	12.3	19,980	17.9
1938-39 ..	11,621	11.7	9,467	9.5	1,252	1.3	5,934	6.0	889	0.9	12,806	12.9	19,629	19.8
1939-40 ..	10,142	8.8	8,297	7.2	840	0.7	6,597	5.7	884	0.8	13,795	11.9	21,276	18.4
1940-41 ..	10,372	9.5	4,947	4.6	1,477	1.4	5,528	5.1	837	0.8	10,701	9.8	17,066	15.7
1941-42 ..	11,397	7.6	7,768	5.2	2,291	1.6	5,851	3.9	1,399	0.9	11,426	7.7	18,676	12.5
1942-43 ..	15,411	7.3	31,625	14.9	2,300	1.1	6,702	3.2	456	0.2	8,535	4.0	15,693	7.4
1943-44 ..	16,293	7.7	31,250	14.9	1,935	0.9	4,993	2.4	840	0.4	9,222	4.4	15,055	7.2
1944-45 ..	13,299	7.2	17,552	9.4	759	0.4	6,402	3.4	1,212	0.7	9,268	5.0	16,882	9.1
1945-46 ..	12,410	8.0	10,214	6.5	1,109	0.7	6,691	4.3	533	0.3	9,899	6.4	17,123	11.0
Monthly Totals.														
1944-45—														
October ..	922	7.6	1,054	8.7	138	1.1	465	3.8	131	1.1	538	4.5	1,134	9.4
November ..	830	5.2	780	4.8	17	0.1	681	4.2	22	0.1	769	4.8	1,472	9.1
December ..	1,014	6.5	1,241	8.0	50	0.3	487	3.1	11	0.1	550	3.6	1,048	6.8
January ..	1,281	8.4	945	6.2	33	0.2	323	2.1	149	1.0	658	4.3	1,130	7.4
February ..	1,651	10.4	1,199	7.6	5	0.0	288	1.8	277	1.7	698	4.4	1,263	7.9
March ..	1,103	7.0	2,087	13.3	84	0.5	614	3.9	107	0.7	590	3.8	1,311	8.4
April ..	943	5.3	1,659	9.3	7	0.0	616	3.4	38	0.2	611	3.5	1,265	7.1
May ..	1,107	6.8	1,484	9.1	11	0.1	778	4.8	77	0.5	1,091	6.7	1,946	12.0
June ..	995	7.0	1,572	11.1	100	0.7	610	4.3	268	1.9	920	6.5	1,798	12.7
1945-46—														
July ..	1,473	10.0	778	5.3	28	0.2	530	3.6	40	0.3	868	5.9	1,438	9.8
August ..	968	6.2	1,473	9.5	164	1.0	684	4.4	52	0.3	773	5.0	1,509	9.7
September ..	1,057	7.6	1,036	7.4	32	0.3	307	2.2	46	0.3	924	6.6	1,277	9.1
October ..	1,043	6.0	1,415	8.2	43	0.3	987	5.7	34	0.2	761	4.4	1,782	10.3
November ..	1,056	7.7	469	3.4	82	0.6	600	4.4	30	0.2	718	5.2	1,348	9.8
December ..	535	7.1	243	3.2	10	0.1	209	2.8	24	0.3	301	4.0	534	7.1
January ..	874	6.4	677	5.0	35	0.3	828	6.1	90	0.7	820	6.1	1,738	12.9
February ..	1,069	10.1	697	6.5	188	1.8	500	4.7	43	0.4	748	7.0	1,291	12.1
March ..	990	8.4	622	5.3	139	1.2	568	4.8	56	0.5	840	7.2	1,464	12.5
April ..	1,218	10.9	693	6.2	182	1.6	289	2.6	47	0.4	1,054	9.4	1,390	12.4
May ..	1,191	8.7	942	6.8	34	0.3	799	5.8	38	0.3	1,156	8.4	1,993	14.5
June ..	936	8.0	1,169	9.9	172	1.5	390	3.3	33	0.3	936	8.0	1,359	11.6
1946-47—														
July ..	776	6.3	925	7.5	371	3.0	615	5.0	28	0.2	932	7.6	1,575	12.8
August ..	1,194	8.2	2,067	14.1	140	1.0	794	5.4	72	0.5	1,524	10.4	2,390	16.3

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

£'000 Sterling.

Period.	Producers' Materials (Class I.)			Finished Consumers' Goods. (Class VI.)			Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes)			
	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Total.
Annual Totals.										
1928-29	15,198	5,252	44,795	906	5,176	28,386	16,104	20,226	106,951	143,281
1937-38	13,061	4,723	33,913	501	3,162	16,317	13,562	18,903	79,268	111,733
1938-39	11,581	3,693	28,459	576	3,258	15,795	12,157	17,127	70,029	99,313
1939-40	13,402	5,400	34,714	582	3,750	16,944	13,984	22,968	78,724	115,676
1940-41	11,293	6,967	35,032	533	3,536	12,997	11,826	19,948	76,876	108,650
1941-42	10,848	9,904	38,406	597	4,324	13,755	11,445	29,527	108,384	149,356
1942-43	10,036	8,886	34,455	1,339	4,195	10,159	11,375	30,885	169,847	212,107
1943-44	14,250	6,847	43,846	738	3,350	10,967	14,988	34,271	160,770	210,029
1944-45	13,893	6,651	48,133	1,115	4,000	11,767	15,008	30,847	140,190	186,045
1945-46	19,052	6,645	37,931	794	5,098	11,231	19,846	32,077	103,424	155,347
Monthly Totals.										
1944-45—										
October	1,220	233	4,413	27	417	690	1,247	2,043	8,810	12,100
November	1,737	700	5,149	128	517	827	1,865	3,004	11,270	16,139
December	976	330	3,112	50	326	672	1,026	1,946	12,550	15,522
January	1,071	441	4,620	47	227	856	1,118	2,090	12,083	15,291
February	1,102	245	2,889	41	234	988	1,143	2,725	12,011	15,879
March	1,334	1,055	4,319	200	366	745	1,534	3,337	10,813	15,684
April	574	905	4,595	94	413	758	668	3,256	13,863	17,787
May	1,359	451	4,061	167	384	1,395	1,526	2,153	12,573	16,252
June	744	400	3,638	140	311	1,347	884	2,044	11,255	14,183
1945-46—										
July	1,393	498	2,687	114	350	974	1,507	2,355	10,891	14,753
August	1,630	698	3,661	57	504	948	1,687	3,243	10,616	15,546
September	1,385	663	3,278	77	147	1,053	1,462	2,594	9,910	13,966
October	1,844	464	2,704	31	913	838	1,875	4,371	11,031	17,277
November	2,492	604	3,366	121	421	806	2,613	2,349	8,769	13,731
December	1,078	119	1,558	18	151	365	1,096	1,151	5,325	7,572
January	1,647	829	3,571	35	717	986	1,682	3,697	8,115	13,494
February	1,220	577	3,045	51	409	831	1,271	2,675	6,708	10,654
March	1,570	555	3,510	70	479	915	1,640	2,809	7,224	11,673
April	1,076	500	3,452	43	135	1,212	1,119	1,638	8,432	11,189
May	2,034	627	3,834	93	617	1,283	2,127	3,026	8,582	13,735
June	1,683	511	3,265	84	255	1,020	1,767	2,169	7,821	11,757
1946-47—										
July	2,483	607	2,656	116	465	994	2,599	2,269	7,421	12,289
August	1,796	762	4,270	80	652	1,658	1,876	2,633	10,112	14,621

NOTE.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately" transformed.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

£'000 Australian Currency.

Period.	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Sugar.	Meats.	Hides and Skins.	Lead.	Dried Fruits.	Fresh Fruits.	Total Exports (Excluding Gold).
Annual Totals.										
1928-29	61,615	26,335	7,159	2,375	6,342	9,291	3,233	2,301	943	138,631
1937-38	46,984	26,939	10,781	4,027	12,254	6,197	4,913	2,684	2,055	141,668
1938-39	42,737	13,275	12,892	4,178	11,780	4,104	4,276	2,865	2,023	122,543
1939-40	56,903	12,789	15,895	6,186	15,120	4,167	4,813	1,994	1,167	149,674
1940-41	39,646	16,675	11,973	4,880	15,818	4,105	2,924	2,495	393	134,947
1941-42	58,041	8,836	8,125	2,636	14,095	5,987	6,313	2,597	239	159,704
1942-43	44,318	8,379	8,568	1,001	10,897	3,716	3,446	2,277	191	122,971
1943-44	45,767	14,964	6,871	1,524	13,063	6,752	3,158	3,295	318	146,583
1944-45	49,387	16,484	8,250	1,854	14,108	6,602	5,558	3,571	318	155,123
1945-46	63,619	17,560	10,272	3,212	14,011	11,836	4,222	2,149	1,265	189,207
Monthly Totals.										
1944-45—										
October	3,398	3,264	494	103	938	571	498	204	24	12,763
November	3,057	1,689	1,828	25	1,612	557	317	40	33	12,466
December	4,290	1,441	2,186	170	1,723	381	472	16	24	14,205
January	4,452	963	782	84	1,518	247	680	20	14	12,458
February	5,956	915	570	222	1,117	293	346	38	6	12,632
March	4,053	490	214	199	936	188	288	257	7	10,132
April	4,206	221	573	262	1,304	287	336	437	21	12,203
May	5,406	343	634	260	1,107	419	339	419	6	13,529
June	4,647	152	584	337	986	962	561	454	79	13,392
1945-46—										
July	5,239	330	514	306	1,465	1,973	390	214	49	15,301
August	4,190	137	282	468	997	1,275	265	97	15	11,647
September	4,027	306	367	170	970	811	142	91	28	11,556
October	2,565	134	769	481	940	861	717	58	41	12,538
November	4,881	421	990	412	1,774	735	350	121	28	17,034
December	4,019	758	1,227	333	1,245	353	366	55	21	12,103
January	5,554	1,110	1,123	117	1,289	654	262	36	9	15,247
February	6,971	1,753	1,189	230	1,260	338	61	13	12	16,383
March	6,140	2,393	887	33	1,673	598	330	11	86	17,112
April	4,658	3,414	1,124	113	993	1,383	414	232	229	17,017
May	7,035	2,731	1,014	354	542	1,289	427	836	622	19,782
June	8,340	4,073	786	195	863	1,566	498	385	125	23,487
1946-47—										
July	9,630	2,271	681	423	1,384	2,131	424	673	131	24,883
August	11,286	4,435	582	809	1,882	1,870	1,079	195	204	29,810

EXPORT PRICE INDEX.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which constitute about 85 per cent. of all exports. The prices are multiplied by the average quantities exported during a fairly recent and representative period.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Year.	Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding Gold.	Month.	1944-45.		1945-46.		1946-47.	
				Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding Gold.	Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding Gold.	Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding Gold.
1928-29	1,205	1,173	July	1,236	1,234	1,350	1,342	1,665	1,636
1935-36	942	946	August	1,258	1,255	1,346	1,338	1,703	1,670
1936-37	1,155	1,144	September ..	1,283	1,279	1,364	1,355	..	..
1937-38	1,024	1,022	October	1,312	1,305	1,369	1,360	..	..
1938-39	821	834	November ..	1,300	1,294	1,369	1,360	..	..
1939-40	964	980	December ..	1,300	1,295	1,517	1,497	..	..
1940-41	1,026	1,039	January	1,317	1,311	1,526	1,506	..	..
1941-42	1,047	1,059	February	1,312	1,307	1,543	1,522	..	..
1942-43	1,137	1,142	March	1,321	1,314	1,576	1,552	..	..
1943-44	1,169	1,171	April	1,333	1,326	1,580	1,556	..	..
1944-45	1,304	1,298	May	1,328	1,319	1,585	1,561	..	..
1945-46	1,476	1,459	June	1,342	1,335	1,584	1,560	..	..

EXPORT PRICE INDEX (CHANGING BASE).

The index-numbers in the table above, while they indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. In consequence the index-numbers do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the index-numbers (including gold) in the following table, in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month. The index-numbers are designed solely for comparisons of current prices with those of the corresponding months, or periods of months, of the preceding year.

(Base : Weighted Average Price Level in corresponding months of preceding year = 1,000.)

Month.	1944-45.		1945-46.		1946-47.	
	Month stated compared with same month of preceding year.	Period of trade year ending in month stated compared with same period of preceding year.	Month stated compared with same month of preceding year.	Period of trade year ending in month stated compared with same period of preceding year.	Month stated compared with same month of preceding year.	Period of trade year ending in month stated compared with same period of preceding year.
July	1,040	1,040	1,073	1,073	1,102	1,102
August	1,076	1,058	1,080	1,076	1,180	1,141
September ..	1,103	1,073	1,068	1,074	..	..
October	1,152	1,092	1,052	1,068	..	..
November ..	1,118	1,097	1,032	1,060	..	..
December ..	1,111	1,100	1,093	1,066	..	..
January	1,105	1,101	1,092	1,070	..	..
February ..	1,091	1,100	1,089	1,073	..	..
March	1,112	1,101	1,111	1,077	..	..
April	1,109	1,102	1,130	1,083	..	..
May	1,078	1,100	1,123	1,087	..	..
June	1,078	1,098	1,117	1,090	..	..

PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 from the revised series published in *Production Bulletin* No. 36, Part II. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of Australia.

The monthly index-numbers (based on the nearest equivalent wholesale price quotations) are intended progressively to forecast the point which the annual index-numbers will eventually reach, and so provide a preliminary figure for the latest full year pending the completion of the annual census of production. The preliminary index-numbers will be revised as each production census is completed.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Mining other than Gold. (a)	Gold. (a)	All Groups.
1928-29	1,167	1,289	1,221	1,234	1,235	487	1,213
1937-38	993	1,018	1,012	1,009	1,085	997	1,014
1938-39	896	878	1,059	918	933	1,011	922
1939-40	893	1,021	1,066	984	974	1,113	987
1940-41	1,004	1,086	1,025	1,046	1,076	1,215	1,053
1941-42	(b)1,008	(b)1,158	1,075	(b)1,090	1,176	1,218	(b)1,101
1942-43	(b)1,157	(b)1,273	1,171	(b)1,214	1,249	1,191	(b)1,216
1943-44	(b)1,259	(b)1,327	1,213	(b)1,281	1,298	1,191	(b)1,281
1944-45	1,597	(b)1,318	(b)1,200	(b)1,393	(b)1,367	1,197	(b)1,385
1945-46(c)	1,643	(b)1,335	(b)1,200	(b)1,417	(b)1,390	1,219	(b)1,408
1945-46—(c)		(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)		(b)
August	1,601	1,344	1,200	1,406	1,361	1,227	1,397
September	1,601	1,340	1,200	1,405	1,369	1,227	1,395
October	1,601	1,325	1,200	1,398	1,394	1,227	1,389
November	1,601	1,319	1,200	1,395	1,394	1,227	1,387
December	1,743	1,319	1,200	1,445	1,394	1,227	1,432
January	1,724	1,320	1,200	1,439	1,390	1,227	1,427
February	1,662	1,336	1,200	1,424	1,390	1,227	1,413
March	1,649	1,344	1,200	1,423	1,390	1,227	1,413
April	1,649	1,344	1,200	1,423	1,390	1,227	1,415
May	1,641	1,344	1,200	1,420	1,390	1,227	1,412
June	1,643	1,344	1,200	1,421	1,391	1,227	1,413
1946-47—(c)							
July	1,646	1,329	1,200	1,415	1,391 ✓	1,227	1,408
August	1,673	1,312	1,200	1,417	1,410 ✓	1,227	1,409
1st two months 1945-46	1,601	1,344	1,200	1,406	(d)1,365	(d)1,215	1,397
1st two months 1946-47	1,660	1,321	1,200	1,416	(e)1,393	(e)1,227	1,409

(a) Year ended previous December.
8 months 1945. (e) First 8 months 1946.

(b) Revised.

(c) Preliminary figures. See note at top of table.

(d) First

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX.

BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

The construction of this new index has been made possible by the collection of new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of General Wholesale Prices. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and dealers, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Goods principally Imported. (a)	Goods principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928-29 ..	1,269	1,064	1,288	1,214	1,148	948	1,070	911	1,183	1,103
1937-38 ..	1,013	1,012	1,000	1,001	969	1,041	997	1,018	1,000	1,005
1938-39 ..	1,025	1,004	815	1,011	925	970	1,029	991	1,020	1,011
1939-40 ..	1,051	1,152	1,038	1,068	1,163	1,084	1,012	1,106	1,025	1,047
1940-41 ..	1,074	1,374	1,105	1,236	1,256	1,284	1,069	1,325	1,060	1,140
1941-42 ..	1,173	1,509	1,184	1,372	1,350	1,352	1,169	1,525	1,123	1,242
1942-43 ..	1,288	1,667	1,471	1,422	1,379	1,628	1,279	1,760	1,212	1,373
1943-44 ..	1,310	1,695	1,501	1,432	1,398	1,743	1,287	1,824	1,217	1,396
1944-45 ..	1,307	1,676	1,518	1,428	1,398	1,747	1,308	1,819	1,232	1,405
1945-46 ..	1,302	1,561	1,518	1,416	1,398	1,766	1,344	1,782	1,254	1,410
1944-45— June ..	1,306	1,609	1,510	1,406	1,398	1,758	1,346	1,790	1,261	1,417
1945-46— July ..	1,305	1,609	1,502	1,410	1,398	1,758	1,347	1,793	1,259	1,417
August ..	1,303	1,609	1,508	1,410	1,398	1,758	1,349	1,797	1,259	1,418
September..	1,303	1,566	1,508	1,410	1,398	1,758	1,353	1,791	1,257	1,415
October ..	1,303	1,566	1,489	1,417	1,398	1,758	1,348	1,802	1,249	1,411
November..	1,303	1,566	1,496	1,417	1,398	1,758	1,332	1,778	1,246	1,404
December..	1,303	1,566	1,507	1,417	1,398	1,758	1,328	1,778	1,244	1,399
January ..	1,302	1,566	1,511	1,417	1,398	1,762	1,331	1,783	1,244	1,403
February ..	1,302	1,566	1,515	1,417	1,398	1,769	1,328	1,768	1,249	1,403
March ..	1,300	1,566	1,515	1,418	1,398	1,769	1,348	1,786	1,257	1,413
April ..	1,300	1,519	1,540	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,355	1,773	1,262	1,413
May ..	1,300	1,519	1,579	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,355	1,774	1,263	1,413
June ..	1,300	1,519	1,544	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,352	1,766	1,263	1,410
1946-47— July ..	1,300	1,519	1,523	1,418	1,398	1,783	(b)1,345	1,766	(b)1,257	(b)1,407
August ..	1,300	1,462	1,530	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,333	1,745	1,245	1,393

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (b) Revised.

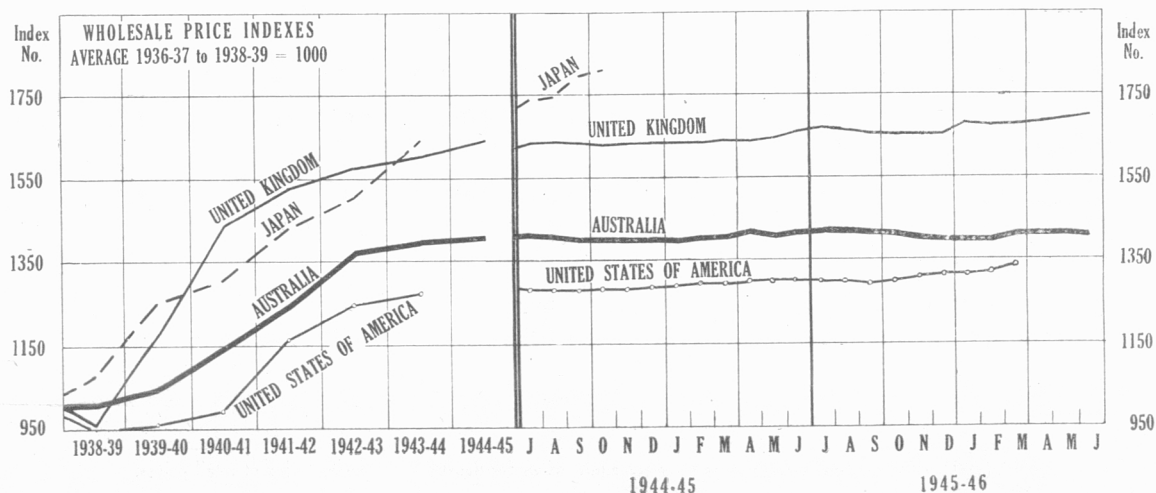
WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	United Kingdom.		U.S.A.	Japan.	Germany.	France.	Argentina.	Canada.	South Africa.	New Zealand.	Australia.
	Board of Trade	Economist.	Bureau of Labour Statistics.	Bank of Japan.	Stat. Reichsamt.	Stat. Générale.	Buenos Aires.	Dominion Statistician.	Census and Statistics Office.	Government Statistician.	Commonwealth Statistician.
1928-29 ..	1,130	1,257	1,182	936	1,317	1,077	(a) 901	1,193	1,169	(a) 967	1,103
1937-38 ..	1,044	1,024	1,013	1,010	1,001	1,049	1,045	1,051	1,025	1,019	1,005
1938-39 ..	958	925	948	1,077	1,005	1,121	964	935	1,004	1,021	1,011
1939-40 ..	1,171	1,149	961	1,251	1,023	..	1,108	1,007	1,059	1,102	1,047
1940-41 ..	1,436	1,342	993	1,307	1,056	..	1,180	1,072	1,160	1,240	1,140
1941-42 ..	1,531	1,441	1,163	1,429	1,072	..	1,595	1,184	1,296	1,334	1,242
1942-43 ..	1,576	1,502	1,247	1,504	1,092	..	1,845	1,228	1,450	1,448	1,373
1943-44 ..	1,603	1,523	1,271	1,636	1,099	..	1,927	1,286	1,534	1,517	1,396
1944-45 ..	1,638	1,566	1,289	..	..	..	2,017	1,294	1,554	1,540	1,405
1945-46 ..	1,673	1,610	1,325	..	..	..	..	1,321	..	1,567	1,410
1945-46—											
August ..	1,666	1,581	1,299	..	..	..	2,019	1,303	1,586	1,557	1,418
September ..	1,657	1,582	1,293	..	..	..	2,029	1,294	1,586	1,558	1,415
October ..	1,655	1,582	1,301	..	..	..	2,010	1,296	1,585	1,560	1,411
November ..	1,655	1,582	1,312	..	..	..	2,019	1,299	1,581	1,571	1,404
December ..	1,655	1,583	1,316	..	..	..	2,038	1,301	1,569	1,579	1,399
January ..	1,683	1,619	1,316	..	..	..	2,058	1,310	1,576	1,569	1,403
February ..	1,677	1,626	1,323	..	..	..	2,077	1,318	1,578	1,571	1,403
March ..	1,682	1,626	1,338	..	..	..	2,135	1,321	1,572	1,554	1,413
April ..	1,687	1,645	1,354	..	..	..	2,135	1,363	1,570	1,577	1,413
May ..	1,692	1,649	1,364	..	..	..	..	1,368	1,605	1,579	1,413
June ..	1,697	1,651	1,387	..	..	..	..	1,374	..	1,576	1,410
1946-47—											
July ..	1,725	1,685	1,525	..	..	..	..	1,379	..	1,574	(b) 1,407
August ..	1,728	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,393

(a) Year ended December following.

(b) Revised.



RETAIL PRICE AND WAGE-RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this and the following page the index-numbers have been recomputed uniformly to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index-numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.		Retail Price Indexes : Six Capital Cities.						Weekly Wage-rate Indexes : Six States.	
		Food and Groceries.	Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses.	Food, &c., and Rent (" B " Series).	Clothing.	Mis-cellaneous.	Food, Rent, Clothing and Mis-cellaneous All Items (" C " Series).	Nominal Rates, Adult Males.	" Real " Wage, Adult Males.(a)
1928-29	..	1,155	1,154	1,155	1,222	1,051	1,150	1,122	976
1937-38	..	989	1,001	993	1,006	1,003	998	1,007	1,009
1938-39	..	1,048	1,031	1,042	1,018	1,001	1,029	1,044	1,015
1939-40	..	1,061	1,048	1,056	1,076	1,016	1,051	1,065	1,013
1940-41	..	1,084	1,053	1,072	1,271	1,070	1,111	1,110	999
1941-42	..	1,118	1,054	1,092	1,471	1,133	1,176	1,179	1,003
1942-43	..	1,203	1,054	1,143	1,713	1,188	1,267	1,288	1,017
1943-44	..	1,172	1,054	1,124	1,757	1,215	1,270	1,329	1,046
1944-45	..	1,179	1,053	1,129	1,746	1,211	1,270	1,333	1,050
1945-46	..	1,187	1,054	1,134	1,777	1,212	1,278	1,343	1,051
1944-45—									
August	..	1,189	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
September	..	1,177	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
October	..	1,175	1,053	1,123	1,763	1,212	1,270	1,333	1,050
November	..	1,167							
December	..	1,166	1,053	1,127	1,737	1,210	1,266	1,333	1,053
January	..	1,173							
February	..	1,173	1,053	1,133	1,731	1,210	1,269	1,335	1,052
March	..	1,182							
April	..	1,184	1,053	1,133	1,731	1,210	1,269	1,335	1,052
May	..	1,185							
June	..	1,189							
1945-46—									
July	..	1,192	1,053	1,136	1,730	1,210	1,270	1,337	1,053
August	..	1,192							
September	..	1,186	1,053	1,129	1,770	1,210	1,273	1,342	1,054
October	..	1,181							
November	..	1,178	1,054	1,132	1,780	1,213	1,279	1,345	1,052
December	..	1,177							
January	..	1,180	1,054	1,137	1,828	1,216	1,291	1,349	1,045
February	..	1,185							
March	..	1,191	1,054	1,137	1,828	1,216	1,291	1,349	1,045
April	..	1,192							
May	..	1,192							
June	..	1,192							
1946-47—									
July	..	1,184	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
August	..	1,174	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by "C" series Index of retail prices.

RETAIL PRICES, HOURS AND BASIC WAGE RATES.

Particulars.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six Capitals or Six States.
<i>1945 : June Quarter—</i>							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	1,287	1,279	1,209	1,241	1,250	1,239	1,269
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	1,349	1,335	1,330	1,272	1,361	1,296	1,335
"Real" " " (a) ..	1,048	1,044	1,100	1,025	1,089	1,046	1,052
Average weekly hours ..	43.50	43.91	43.18	44.21	43.15	43.38	43.61
Federal metrop. basic wage ..	(b)98/-	98/-	93/-	93/-	93/-	(b)93/-	96/-
State " " " " ..	(b)98/-	(c)	97/-	94/-	99/11	(c)	..
<i>1945 : September Quarter—</i>							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	1,288	1,280	1,206	1,244	1,250	1,248	1,270
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	1,350	1,338	1,331	1,276	1,369	1,297	1,337
"Real" " " (a) ..	1,048	1,045	1,104	1,026	1,095	1,039	1,053
Average weekly hours ..	43.50	43.91	43.18	44.07	43.15	43.38	43.59
Federal metrop. basic wage ..	98/-	98/-	93/-	93/-	(d)94/-	93/-	96/-
State " " " " ..	98/-	(c)	97/-	94/-	(e)100/1	(c)	..
<i>1945 : December Quarter—</i>							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	1,294	1,282	1,211	1,247	1,248	1,263	1,273
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	1,358	1,341	1,337	1,276	1,369	1,304	1,342
"Real" " " (a) ..	1,049	1,046	1,104	1,023	1,097	1,032	1,054
Average weekly hours ..	43.50	43.91	43.18	44.07	43.15	43.38	43.59
Federal metrop. basic wage ..	(f)99/-	98/-	93/-	93/-	94/-	(f)94/-	96/-
State " " " " ..	(f)99/-	(c)	97/-	94/-	100/1	(c)	..
<i>1946 : March Quarter—</i>							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	1,298	1,287	1,219	1,252	1,259	1,263	1,279
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	1,360	1,348	1,337	1,280	1,370	1,311	1,345
"Real" " " (a) ..	1,048	1,047	1,097	1,022	1,088	1,038	1,052
Average weekly hours ..	43.50	43.91	43.18	44.07	43.15	43.38	43.59
Federal metrop. basic wage ..	99/-	98/-	93/-	(g)94/-	94/-	(g)95/-	96/-
State " " " " ..	99/-	(c)	97/-	94/-	100/1	(c)	..
<i>1946 : June Quarter—</i>							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	1,314	1,297	1,229	1,264	1,271	1,277	1,291
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	1,364	1,350	1,338	1,282	1,380	1,313	1,349
"Real" " " (a) ..	1,038	1,041	1,089	1,014	1,086	1,028	1,045
Average weekly hours ..	43.50	43.91	43.18	44.07	43.15	43.38	43.59
Federal metrop. basic wage ..	99/-	98/-	(b)94/-	94/-	94/-	95/-	(b)97/-
State " " " " ..	99/-	(c)	97/-	94/-	(h)101/1	(c)	..
<i>1946 : September Quarter—</i>							
Federal metrop. basic wage ..	(d)100/-	(d)99/-	94/-	(d)95/-	(d)95/-	(d)96/-	(d)98/-
State " " " " ..	(d)100/-	(c)	(i)98/-	(j)98/6	(i)102/1	(c)	..

- (a) Weighted average Six Capitals or Six States average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. (b) Payable as from 1st May.
(c) None declared, but Federal rates followed to a large extent. (d) Payable as from 1st August. (e) Payable as from 1st July.
(f) Payable as from 1st November. (g) Payable as from 1st February. (h) Payable as from 13th May. (i) Payable as from 22nd July.
(j) Payable as from 26th September.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the three sets of index-numbers given below, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the tables.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	New South Wales : Ordinary Shares. (a)						
	23 Manufactur- ing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	75 Companies (including 24 Miscel- laneous).	34 Active shares included in foregoing.
1928-29	819	954	712	1,194	870	937	883
1937-38	1,012	1,008	1,026	1,053	983	1,009	1,011
1938-39	999	933	964	841	965	969	963
1939-40	1,031	881	766	873	968	955	974
1940-41	1,022	868	771	810	919	919	951
1941-42	963	834	740	820	873	871	894
1942-43	1,066	895	745	885	909	939	986
1943-44	1,136	1,023	834	931	948	1,020	1,059
1944-45	1,154	1,078	917	999	976	1,061	1,095
1945-46	1,262	1,190	1,022	1,062	1,071	1,161	1,199
1944-45— June	1,163	1,105	961	1,018	987	1,081	1,112
1945-46— July	1,162	1,104	961	1,013	987	1,080	1,111
August	1,163	1,103	961	1,010	987	1,080	1,111
September	1,165	1,106	964	1,009	987	1,081	1,113
October	1,225	1,151	1,005	1,037	1,024	1,129	1,165
November	1,278	1,193	1,027	1,079	1,087	1,175	1,215
December	1,277	1,192	1,028	1,064	1,087	1,174	1,213
January	1,277	1,202	1,027	1,053	1,087	1,175	1,212
February	1,277	1,205	1,028	1,059	1,087	1,176	1,213
March	1,283	1,211	1,038	1,081	1,091	1,179	1,219
April	1,339	1,260	1,073	1,113	1,142	1,223	1,270
May	1,346	1,275	1,078	1,120	1,145	1,230	1,276
June	1,346	1,274	1,077	1,108	1,145	1,228	1,274
1946-47— July	1,346	1,275	1,075	1,112	1,145	1,228	1,273
August	1,371	1,302	1,092	1,136	1,164	1,249	1,294

(a) Compiled by the New South Wales Government Statistician. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales. They represent unweighted averages of the mean monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made where capital is written off or bonus shares issued. Recomputed from original base, par values.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES—continued.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	34 Active Ordinary Shares.(a)	15 Preference Shares.(b)	9 Bank Shares.(b)	3 Silverlead Shares.(b)	Queensland : Ordinary Shares.(c)		
					12 Industrials.	12 Financial and Trading.	24 Total of foregoing.
1928-29	883	805	1,457	458	955	1,068	1,007
1937-38	1,011	1,000	1,000	1,019	1,014	1,011	1,013
1938-39	963	1,003	909	810	980	989	984
1939-40	974	926	813	741	1,020	919	973
1940-41	951	948	782	650	1,006	868	941
1941-42	894	912	737	608	991	815	910
1942-43	986	940	779	693	1,060	834	957
1943-44	1,059	1,072	828	766	1,173	933	1,062
1944-45	1,095	1,114	867	817	1,198	987	1,101
1945-46	1,199	1,127	933	897	1,317	1,075	1,206
1944-45— June	1,112	1,127	885	821	1,206	1,001	1,111
1945-46— July	1,111	1,122	878	818	1,215	1,001	1,117
August	1,111	1,118	873	849	1,215	1,001	1,117
September	1,113	1,114	867	825	1,221	1,009	1,124
October	1,165	1,122	902	859	1,268	1,045	1,166
November	1,215	1,108	914	884	1,329	1,078	1,214
December	1,213	1,106	924	862	1,327	1,082	1,214
January	1,212	1,106	942	894	1,334	1,084	1,219
February	1,213	1,122	945	919	1,336	1,086	1,222
March	1,219	1,139	965	926	1,342	1,088	1,226
April	1,270	1,150	993	972	1,401	1,132	1,277
May	1,276	1,158	996	975	1,407	1,144	1,286
June	1,274	1,154	994	975	1,410	1,147	1,289
1946-47— July	1,273	1,160	996	974	1,416	1,151	1,295
August	1,294	1,164	1,039	1,017	..	..	..

(a) See note (a) on page 20. These 34 shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares. (b) Compiled by the Stock Exchange of Melbourne. The index-numbers of bank shares and silverlead shares represent averages (weighted by paid-up capital, with adjustment in the case of bank shares) of the mean monthly prices on the Melbourne Stock Exchange. The preference share index-numbers are based on the reciprocals of average yields. Recomputed from original base, May, 1926. (c) Compiled by the Queensland Bureau of Industry. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of 21 representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of three companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index-numbers represent unweighted averages. End-of-month values were used until December, 1930, and mean monthly values thereafter. Recomputed from original base, April, 1928.

SUMMARY OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Primary Production Prices (All Groups).	Export Prices (including Gold).	Wholesale Prices of Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.			Retail Prices (Six Capital Cities): All Items Index "C" Series.	Security Prices: New South Wales (Ordinary Shares—75 Companies).
			Goods Principally Imported. (a)	Goods Principally Home Pro- duced.	All Groups.		
1928-29	1,213	1,173	911	1,183	1,103	1,150	937
1937-38	1,014	1,022	1,018	1,000	1,005	998	1,009
1938-39	922	834	991	1,020	1,011	1,029	969
1939-40	987	980	1,106	1,025	1,047	1,051	955
1940-41	1,053	1,039	1,325	1,060	1,140	1,111	919
1941-42	(c)1,101	1,059	1,525	1,123	1,242	1,176	871
1942-43	(c)1,216	1,142	1,760	1,212	1,373	1,267	939
1943-44	(c)1,281	1,171	1,824	1,217	1,396	1,270	1,020
1944-45	(c)1,385	1,298	1,819	1,232	1,405	1,270	1,061
1945-46	bc1,408	1,459	1,782	1,254	1,410	1,278	1,161
1944-45—							
August .. ..	..	1,255	1,817	1,237	1,408	..	1,029
September .. ..	..	1,279	1,814	1,225	1,399	..	1,031
October .. ..	..	1,305	1,821	1,221	1,397	1,270	1,060
November .. ..	..	1,294	1,831	1,217	1,398		1,063
December .. ..	..	1,295	1,834	1,216	1,398		1,064
January .. ..	..	1,311	1,822	1,217	1,396	1,266	1,065
February .. ..	..	1,307	1,830	1,225	1,404		1,075
March .. ..	..	1,314	1,824	1,235	1,408		1,079
April .. ..	..	1,326	1,835	1,245	1,419	1,269	1,081
May .. ..	..	1,319	1,795	1,249	1,410		1,081
June .. ..	..	1,335	1,790	1,261	1,417		1,081
1945-46—(b)	(c)						
July	1,397	1,342	1,793	1,259	1,417	1,270	1,080
August	1,397	1,338	1,797	1,259	1,418		1,080
September	1,395	1,355	1,791	1,257	1,415	1,273	1,081
October	1,389	1,360	1,802	1,249	1,411		1,129
November	1,387	1,360	1,778	1,246	1,404		1,175
December	1,432	1,497	1,778	1,244	1,399	1,279	1,174
January	1,427	1,506	1,783	1,244	1,403		1,175
February	1,413	1,522	1,768	1,249	1,403		1,176
March	1,413	1,552	1,786	1,257	1,413	1,291	1,179
April	1,415	1,556	1,773	1,262	1,413		1,223
May	1,412	1,561	1,774	1,263	1,413		1,230
June	1,413	1,560	1,766	1,263	1,410		1,228
1946-47—							
July	1,408	1,636	1,766	(c)1,257	(c)1,407	..	1,228
August	1,409	1,670	1,745	1,245	1,393	..	1,249

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (b) Preliminary figures subject to revision, based on average wholesale prices in the period shown. See note at head of page 15. (c) Revised.

BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government Buildings.)

Period.	New Dwellings.		Other New Buildings.		Total New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	Total.
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Value.	Value.
		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Monthly Averages.								
1938-39	1,463	1,509	137	424	1,600	1,933	420	2,353
1939-40	1,367	1,440	123	427	1,490	1,867	339	2,206
1940-41	1,486	1,696	88	260	1,574	1,956	386	2,342
1941-42	807	797	43	115	850	912	216	1,128
1942-43	38	22	35	93	73	115	157	272
1943-44	62	33	34	83	96	116	183	299
1944-45	285	213	48	80	333	293	227	520
1945-46	1,544	1,643	107	156	1,651	1,799	399	2,198
Monthly Totals.								
1944-45—								
August	189	120	60	28	249	148	267	415
September ..	174	109	48	46	222	155	247	402
October	218	173	54	72	272	245	247	492
November ..	190	113	57	36	247	149	282	431
December ..	165	112	23	46	188	158	300	458
January	271	195	50	148	321	343	225	568
February ..	294	234	51	100	345	334	164	498
March	358	260	45	28	403	288	201	489
April	368	280	30	69	398	349	163	512
May	490	378	54	74	544	452	211	663
June	525	462	57	219	582	681	166	847
1945-46—								
July	537	480	60	59	597	539	267	806
August	940	847	73	100	1,013	947	251	1,198
September ..	1,616	1,558	72	73	1,688	1,631	311	1,942
October	1,792	1,792	82	139	1,874	1,931	452	2,383
November ..	1,672	1,620	89	137	1,761	1,757	287	2,044
December ..	1,019	1,029	76	108	1,095	1,137	296	1,433
January	1,410	1,497	90	126	1,500	1,623	374	1,997
February ..	1,646	1,785	100	99	1,746	1,884	459	2,343
March	1,865	2,111	134	275	1,999	2,386	456	2,842
April	1,846	2,030	170	232	2,016	2,262	483	2,745
May	2,169	2,496	168	265	2,337	2,761	723	3,484
June	2,018	2,464	170	262	2,188	2,726	428	3,154
1946-47—								
July	2,244	2,762	182	578	2,426	3,340	628	3,968
August	2,361	2,945	161	312	2,522	3,257	699	3,956

NOTE.—The National Security (Building Control) Regulations, which operated on 5th December, 1940, placed the granting of building permits for new buildings or alterations costing more than £5,000 under the control of the Commonwealth Treasurer. Various amending regulations made the control more stringent. On 19th June, 1942, the control passed to the Department for War Organization of Industry, after which date only alterations costing less than £25 could be made without consent. From 31st August, 1945, when control passed to the Department of Works and Housing, consent was not necessary for the erection of a dwelling house costing less than £1,200 or for repairs and alterations to a residential building costing less than £150 in any financial year. As from November 1st, 1945, the Commonwealth Government relinquished control over building permits and delegated its powers under National Security Regulations to the States until State legislation had been introduced. This action has already been taken in all States except New South Wales and Tasmania.

The "value of permits" shown above relates to the value of building permits issued by local government authorities and not to approvals granted under the Regulations.

The values shown exclude, in general, air raid shelters and alterations for protection against air raids.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities.)

£'000.

Period.	Australia.			New South Wales.			Victoria.		
	Government.	Private.		Government.	Private.		Government.	Private.	
	Common-wealth and State.	Six Capital Cities.	Other recorded areas.	Common-wealth and State.	Sydney and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note A.	Common-wealth and State.	Melbourne and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note B.
Monthly Averages.									
1938-39	408	2,353	(a)755	187	1,111	495	107	702	63
1939-40	623	2,206	(a)679	216	953	421	253	774	65
1940-41	1,262	2,342	633	314	1,000	385	471	865	55
1941-42	1,261	1,128	425	439	498	280	397	343	25
1942-43	1,292	272	98	460	117	40	292	77	4
1943-44	897	299	92	238	114	52	209	86	10
1944-45	1,013	520	207	415	183	122	291	132	10
1945-46	1,055	2,198	(b)	539	943	808	381	593	61
1943-44—			(c)						
June Qtr. . .	623	261	123	151	105	68	263	78	19
1944-45—									
September	805	428	169	285	145	86	291	106	13
December	1,034	460	155	622	165	86	200	118	4
March	1,040	518	211	352	171	122	348	141	12
June	1,173	675	293	399	247	195	326	163	12
1945-46—									
September	1,069	1,315	(d) 652	544	550	450	383	327	47
December	1,030	1,953	(d)1,071	545	815	789	325	456	41
March	930	2,394	(b)	564	1,103	833	256	642	64
June	1,192	3,128	(b)	502	1,303	1,159	560	945	92
Monthly Totals.									
1945-46—									
June	(e)	3,154	(e)	(e)	1,233	(e)	(e)	1,045	(e)
1946-47—									
July	(e)	3,968	(e)	(e)	1,804	(e)	(e)	1,170	(e)
August	(e)	3,956	(e)	(e)	1,823	(e)	(e)	1,093	(e)

(a) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia. (b) Not yet available. (c) Includes monthly averages for South Australia based on total for six months (see note (d), page 25). (d) Preliminary totals. (e) Not available.

NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney.

B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Mildura and Warrnambool, the Towns of Horsham, Newtown and Chilwell, and Sale, and Borough of Shepparton.

NOTE.—The values shown exclude, in general, air raid shelters and alterations for protection against air raids.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities.)

£'000.

Period.	Queensland.			South Australia.			Western Australia.			Tasmania.		
	Government.	Private.(a)		Government.	Private.(a)		Government.	Private.(a)		Government.	Private.(a)	
	Common-wealth and State.	Brisbane and Suburbs	Other recorded areas. See note C.	Common-wealth and State.	Adelaide and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note D.	Common-wealth and State.	Perth and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note E.	Common-wealth and State.	Hobart and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note F.
Monthly Averages.												
1938-39 ..	34	171	118	22	192	63	38	145	(b)	20	32	16
1939-40 ..	55	150	108	50	168	57	27	126	(b)	22	35	28
1940-41 ..	92	168	110	267	159	55	103	122	14	15	28	14
1941-42 ..	150	90	57	188	109	45	77	68	7	10	20	11
1942-43 ..	315	10	5	95	49	43	110	14	1	20	5	5
1943-44 ..	371	16	8	19	58	17	55	20	2	5	5	3
1944-45 ..	203	62	35	34	80	26	52	50	7	18	13	7
1945-46 ..	33	241	193	46	260	(c)	39	136	18	17	25	16
1943-44— June Qtr.	140	22	12	18	28	(d)17	45	24	3	6	4	4
1944-45— September ..	120	42	29	26	69	(d)29	64	60	7	19	6	5
December ..	122	48	25	38	75		32	26	2	20	28	9
March ..	238	60	37	39	81	(d)23	45	56	12	18	9	5
June ..	332	100	48	31	96		69	59	5	16	10	10
1945-46— September ..	55	132	83	36	198	(e)50	40	90	10	11	18	12
December ..	31	221	160	44	300		67	135	18	18	26	13
March ..	22	243	299	36	237	(c)	31	145	16	21	24	23
June ..	25	369	232	68	303		19	175	28	18	33	18
Monthly Totals.												
1945-46— June ..	(b)	399	213	(b)	317	(b)	(b)	129	34	(b)	31	13
1946-47— July ..	(b)	356	261	(b)	399	(b)	(b)	201	20	(b)	38	30
August ..	(b)	335	298	(b)	488	(b)	(b)	171	43	(b)	46	33

(a) Includes buildings erected under Government home building schemes where permits obtained from Local Government authorities.
 (b) Not available. (c) Not yet available. (d) Average of six-monthly figure. Partly estimated. (e) Preliminary estimate.

NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe.

D. Includes Local Government areas, Whyalla, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes the Municipalities of Albany, Boulder, Bunbury, Busselton, Carnarvon, Collie, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Narrogin, Northam, Wagin and York and the District Road Boards of Katanning, Manjimup and Merredin.

F. Launceston.

NOTE.—The values shown exclude, in general, air raid shelters and alterations for protection against air raids.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excludes Defence Service Vehicles.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period.			New Motor Vehicles Registered during period.(a)		
	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.
1928-29	474,359	71,851	88,049	73,547	17,133	8,656
1937-38	534,963	241,751	80,114	55,125	27,402	8,323
1938-39	562,271	258,025	79,237	54,107	24,927	7,370
1939-40	559,533	260,994	74,496	40,325	19,724	4,517
1940-41	538,483	262,141	70,918	17,765	10,168	2,589
1941-42	450,851	250,515	49,467	4,005	5,188	923
1942-43	471,742	255,933	48,321	2,360	3,084	389
1943-44	493,391	274,269	52,560	825	12,635	340
1944-45	505,782	290,961	57,239	899	7,654	411
1945-46	522,571	333,304	72,693	2,123	8,686	1,953
1944-45—						
July	494,291	276,874	51,546	63	1,015	32
August	496,880	277,045	52,770	64	961	49
September	498,455	278,594	53,183	62	732	16
October	499,477	279,747	53,609	65	638	10
November	500,836	281,235	54,012	89	631	9
December	501,958	281,727	54,369	72	563	22
January	503,983	283,223	54,797	51	491	30
February	503,658	284,423	54,961	58	548	45
March	503,789	284,946	55,475	135	486	71
April	505,412	287,584	56,202	44	564	27
May	505,515	288,697	56,467	102	577	73
June	505,782	290,961	57,239	94	448	27
1945-46—						
July	504,695	291,860	57,281	76	553	33
August	505,170	294,144	58,030	96	504	20
September	505,939	295,696	58,808	112	428	22
October	508,663	299,757	60,292	114	612	30
November	511,062	304,216	62,402	98	656	64
December	512,439	306,638	63,941	109	489	62
January	515,287	311,208	65,781	91	436	213
February	517,630	315,375	67,657	104	588	209
March	519,236	320,556	69,151	186	997	260
April	520,076	323,859	70,685	286	1,062	280
May	522,370	329,622	72,085	363	1,400	454
June	522,571	333,304	72,693	488	961	306
1946-47—						
July	522,671	335,677	73,021	801	1,128	420
August(b)	525,898	340,702	74,711	937	1,292	465

(a) Excludes Northern Territory; also Australian Capital Territory prior to 1935-36 and extra-Metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39. (b) Subject to revision.

MAINLAND STATE RAILWAYS: FREIGHT, PASSENGERS AND REVENUE.

The following table shows statistics of freight and passengers carried and of revenue earned on the five Mainland State Railways.

The daily average number of passenger-journeys is obtained by dividing the monthly totals by the *total* number of days in the month.

Period.	Freight Carried.		Passenger-Journeys.	Gross Revenue.	Net Revenue.
	Net Ton Miles.	Average haul per ton.			
	Daily Average. '000.	Miles.	Daily Average. '000.	Per Month. £'000.	Per Month. £'000.
1928-29	12,404	114.1	1,013	3,947	812
1936-37	12,820	125.9	1,028	3,407	886
1937-38	13,976	125.0	1,048	3,632	886
1938-39	13,085	127.0	1,048	3,580	694
1939-40	13,524	132.9	1,029	3,720	817
1940-41	14,556	127.2	1,127	4,164	943
1941-42	(a) 16,282	(a) 136.0	1,294	5,235	1,178
1942-43	19,793	153.7	1,409	6,615	1,540
1943-44	19,694	155.6	1,445	6,434	1,190
1944-45	18,389	150.0	1,457	5,869	1,056
1944-45—					(b)
April	18,060	149.8	1,550	5,574	1,054
May	17,876	152.1	1,428	5,984	874
June	17,334	152.9	1,481	5,466	—384
1945-46—					
July	17,667	142.2	1,496	5,608	1,011
August	16,998	149.5	1,439	5,832	1,188
September	17,933	149.2	1,469	5,622	1,143
October	17,389	149.7	1,513	5,918	1,151
November	17,532	146.2	1,469	5,710	772
December	12,716	167.7	1,407	4,792	189
January	13,765	137.0	1,438	5,455	1,002
February	16,845	138.2	1,576	5,32	856
March	18,102	148.5	1,492	5,731	778
April	17,418	142.8	1,616	5,580	819
May	18,914	147.8	1,490	6,025	811

(a) Excludes Uniform Gauge Railway January, 1942 and onward.

(b) These figures do not present satisfactory monthly comparisons, because of the periodical inclusion in expenditure of amounts to be set aside for special purposes.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) indicates loss.

MAINLAND STATE RAILWAYS—GROSS REVENUE.(a)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
July-August, 1946-47 ..	5,143	2,461	1,681	706	705	10,696
July-August, 1945-46 ..	4,996	2,175	1,980	816	689	10,656

(a) From monthly statements issued by each Treasury. These figures are on a cash basis and differ slightly from the corresponding figures in the table above, which are on an income and expenditure basis.

INTERSTATE SHIPPING CARGOES.

Period.	Tons (weight and measurement combined) shipped from—						
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total Australia.
	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Monthly Averages.							
1928-29 ..	210	60	33	104	8	48	463
1937-38 ..	309	101	37	212	8	75	742
1938-39 ..	284	94	39	241	10	78	746
1939-40 ..	278	96	47	256	8	83	768
1940-41(a) ..	365	92	56	225	12	80	830
1941-42(a) ..	363	91	57	233	12	78	834
1942-43(a) ..	343	87	59	212	12	71	784
1943-44(a) ..	319	86	53	220	16	76	770
1944-45(a) ..	317	96	47	217	32	66	775
1945-46(a) ..	264	70	44	158	26	56	618
Monthly Totals.							
1944-45(a)—							
September ..	341	106	59	247	26	66	845
October ..	328	94	54	189	28	66	759
November ..	351	96	74	181	33	64	799
December ..	285	133	51	213	12	50	744
January ..	314	98	40	229	20	56	757
February ..	317	68	48	259	21	72	785
March ..	309	113	30	248	54	85	839
April ..	262	54	36	187	51	78	668
May ..	307	95	34	228	57	76	797
June ..	276	95	50	195	48	41	705
1945-46(a)—							
July ..	326	83	49	195	36	49	738
August ..	277	78	60	219	41	81	756
September ..	288	82	40	236	36	51	733
October ..	246	68	35	193	84	62	688
November ..	225	64	83	95	36	64	567
December ..	115	86	30	47	20	48	346
January ..	285	52	48	112	17	48	562
February ..	259	65	46	119	11	49	549
March ..	276	70	40	136	10	54	(b) 588
April ..	268	64	26	154	4	64	580
May ..	325	60	39	184	9	56	673
June ..	273	64	35	202	11	44	629
1946-47—							
July ..	290	70	23	260	12	81	(b) 739

(a) Excludes cargo from vessels engaged exclusively in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies. Northern Territory.

(b) Includes

OVERSEA SHIPPING CARGOES.

Period.	Discharged.			Shipped.		
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure.	Total (Tons W and M).	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure.	Total (Tons W and M).
	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Monthly Averages.						
1928-29	300	206	506	378	63	441
1937-38	364	190	554	478	91	569
1938-39	350	183	533	428	91	519
1939-40	310	208	518	399	80	479
1940-41 (a) ..	245	149	394	337	104	441
1941-42 (a) ..	313	146	459	238	109	347
1942-43 (a) ..	304	119	423	198	105	303
1943-44 (a) ..	345	148	493	279	142	421
1944-45 (a) ..	362	150	512	251	151	402
1945-46 (a) ..	384	139	523	202	121	323
Monthly Totals.						
1944-45 (a)—						
September ..	293	139	432	342	180	522
October ..	360	112	472	315	108	423
November ..	346	137	483	286	157	443
December ..	410	121	531	266	135	401
January ..	375	134	509	240	132	372
February ..	322	136	458	185	139	324
March ..	362	115	477	191	155	346
April ..	359	195	554	117	176	293
May ..	362	183	545	185	248	433
June ..	218	142	360	182	146	328
1945-46 (a)—						
July ..	511	211	722	165	117	282
August ..	452	189	641	129	118	247
September ..	524	157	681	118	121	239
October ..	499	157	656	164	88	252
November ..	283	105	388	160	153	313
December ..	311	103	414	184	156	340
January ..	328	173	501	133	94	227
February ..	322	122	444	197	97	294
March ..	397	97	494	291	102	393
April ..	332	115	447	260	147	407
May ..	425	129	554	322	154	476
June ..	224	96	320	298	107	405
1946-47—						
July ..	233	104	337	308	159	467

(a) Excludes cargo from vessels engaged exclusively in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies

WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, nor do they necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degree. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustments to be made to the crude figures on this account, but endeavour is being made to obtain data that will permit approximate adjustments. Monthly totals are compiled on a basis comparable with the monthly averages for preceding years.

An index of activity in New South Wales is afforded by monthly returns of the sales of 42 large factories.

£'000.

Period.						Australia.			New South Wales.
						Net Sales Recorded under Sales Tax Acts. (a)			Value of Sales of 42 large factories.
						Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.	
						Monthly Averages. Totals complete.			
1937-38	..	..	..	..	..	16,942	23,612	40,554	3,167
1938-39	..	..	..	..	..	16,374	23,388	39,762	3,123
1939-40	..	..	..	..	..	17,419	25,222	42,641	3,441
1940-41	..	..	..	..	..	18,736	25,039	43,775	3,896
1941-42	..	..	..	..	..	19,034	29,395	48,429	4,838
1942-43	..	..	..	..	..	16,821	32,884	49,705	5,473
1943-44	..	..	..	..	..	17,851	32,622	50,473	5,539
1944-45	..	..	..	..	..	19,274	32,988	52,262	5,306
1945-46	..	..	..	..	..	(b)22,323	(b)33,347	(b)55,670	5,250
						Taxable Sales—Rates.			
						7½ per cent.	12½ per cent.	25 per cent.	Monthly Totals. Partly Estimated.
1944-45—									
April	..	..	5,464	10,321	2,570	18,355	29,554	47,909	5,015
May	..	..	5,642	11,458	2,854	19,954	34,685	54,639	5,436
June	..	..	5,155	11,293	2,607	19,055	33,697	52,752	5,303
1945-46—									
July	..	..	5,590	11,844	2,989	20,423	33,749	54,172	5,639
August	..	..	6,032	11,388	3,044	20,464	34,671	55,135	5,468
September	..	..	6,061	11,133	2,946	20,140	33,139	53,279	5,269
October	..	..	6,023	11,753	3,173	20,949	34,480	55,429	5,492
November	..	..	6,291	12,121	3,849	22,261	34,511	56,772	5,690
December	..	..	5,153	11,098	3,154	19,405	29,620	49,025	3,968
January	..	..	4,748	11,096	2,589	18,433	30,208	48,641	4,561
February	..	..	6,813	13,643	3,194	23,650	29,923	53,573	5,269
March	..	..	7,945	15,070	3,556	26,571	35,659	62,230	4,772
April	..	..	7,154	14,470	3,050	24,674	33,010	57,684	5,255
May (b)	..	..	7,900	16,800	3,100	27,800	37,700	65,500	6,234
June (b)	..	..	6,200	14,500	2,400	23,100	33,500	56,600	5,385
1946-47—									
July	..	..	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	6,271

(a) The rates of tax per cent. were 2½ as from 1.8.30; 6 from 11.7.31; 5 from 26.10.33; 4 from 11.9.36; 5 from 22.9.38; 6 from 9.9.39; 8½ from 3.5.40; 5, 10 and 15 on different classes of goods from 22.11.40; 5, 10 and 20 from 30.10.41; 12½ and 25 from 1.5.42. From 21.7.43, rationed clothing, &c., was reduced to 7½ per cent. From 13.9.45 and 10.4.46 there were other reductions. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The list of exemptions was extended as from 11.7.31; 2.9.32; 11.11.32; 27.10.33; 1.8.34; 13.12.34; 25.10.35; 26.9.36; 13.12.38; 26.9.39; 13.9.45; 10.4.46; and restricted as from 3.6.40; 22.11.40; 30.10.41. As from 1.5.42; 3.7.43; 21.7.43; 8.9.44; and 10.4.46, there was a partial restoration of former exemptions.

(b) Net sales under Sales Tax Acts subject to revision.

(c) Not yet available.

RETAIL TRADE.

Statistics of retail sales are collected in three States but are available for publication in only two, namely, New South Wales and Queensland. In New South Wales the Retail Traders Association Research Bureau, in co-operation with the Commonwealth Bank, collects returns from a number of large Sydney stores. In Queensland, returns are collected by the Bureau of Industry from twelve large department stores in Brisbane and their branches in country towns. Because of the relatively rapid development of chain store business, it is uncertain to what extent the department store figures are representative of all retail trade.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES: PERCENTAGE CHANGE ON PREVIOUS YEAR.

Period.	Sydney.					Queensland.				
	Average of 3 months ended—				Year.	Average of 3 months ended—				Year.
	September.	December.	March.	June.		September.	December.	March.	June.	
1928-29 ..	..	..	..	..	..	+1.9	+2.6	+2.1	+3.6	+2.6
1937-38 ..	+8.1	+11.7	+6.3	+6.7	+8.3	+1.4	+6.1	+2.7	+5.1	+4.0
1938-39 ..	+4.7	+2.3	+4.6	-3.1	+1.9	+3.7	+1.1	+0.7	+3.5	+2.6
1939-40 ..	+2.6	+5.6	+3.2	+6.3	+4.5	+6.1	+9.9	+9.1	+8.7	+8.5
1940-41 ..	+7.5	+7.8	+10.9	+23.3	+12.3	+5.3	+3.0	+5.9	+8.8	+5.8
1941-42 ..	+15.4	+9.4	+11.5	-2.4	+8.0	+12.3	+10.6	+22.2	-1.0	+11.0
1942-43 ..	-6.0	-19.3	-18.8	-6.0	-12.6	+0.0	+0.7	+1.4	+13.9	+4.1
1943-44 ..	-19.3	-1.6	+1.3	-1.8	-5.7	-2.1	+3.5	+3.0	+4.6	+2.4
1944-45 ..	+6.6	+7.4	+4.8	+3.2	+5.4	+7.6	+10.0	+1.0	-0.3	+4.5
1945-46 ..	+22.5	+30.8	+37.2	+35.3	+31.6	+16.5	+27.7	+22.4	+24.8	+23.3
		Month of—		Average of 3 months ended—				Month of—		Average of 3 months ended—
1944-45—										
February		+6.7		+10.0				-0.1		+7.6
March ..		-6.6		+4.8				-4.3		+1.0
April ..		+3.0		+0.5				+1.9		-0.8
May ..		-9.7		-4.9				-10.5		-4.7
June ..		+19.3		+3.2				+8.7		-0.3
1945-46—										
July ..		+31.6		+10.6				+29.2		+7.1
August ..		+16.6		+21.8				+4.4		+13.7
September		+21.1		+22.5				+15.8		+16.5
October ..		+37.9		+25.0				+35.0		+18.5
November		+40.6		+33.4				+25.0		+25.2
December		+17.9		+30.8				+25.2		+27.7
January ..		+24.6		+27.1				+13.1		+22.0
February		+37.4		+25.0				+30.3		+23.1
March ..		+47.8		+37.2				+24.4		+22.4
April ..		+47.2		+44.7				+30.4		+28.4
May ..		+51.8		+49.0				+38.3		+31.5
June ..		+9.6		+35.3				+8.7		+24.8
1946-47—										
July ..		+25.5		+28.7				-6.4		+12.9

AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.(a)

(Excludes Commonwealth Bank.)

£'000.

Period.	Business within Australia.							
	Deposits.(b)			Advances.	Government and Municipal Securities. (c)	Special Account with Commonwealth Bank.	Cash.	Treasury Bills.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.					
Quarter—								
1939—2nd ..	201,214	120,112	321,326	290,776	22,257	..	30,455	25,041
1942— „ ..	192,883	193,619	386,502	269,944	56,278	36,797	38,582	39,559
1943— „ ..	196,925	258,441	455,366	244,776	72,993	100,401	32,392	60,792
1944— „ ..	218,341	319,928	538,269	224,858	84,313	178,600	38,467	64,400
1945— „ ..	224,938	364,288	589,226	205,758	109,271	239,618	35,819	54,800
1946— „ ..	214,482	417,193	631,675	(d)219,698	122,776	258,261	34,174	51,224
Month—								
1945—46—September	224,898	354,761	579,659	207,792	109,293	219,612	38,502	61,180
October	222,733	362,466	585,199	209,115	110,439	224,604	40,116	60,320
November	222,500	368,872	591,372	210,059	112,993	227,305	38,422	61,467
December	222,732	383,575	606,307	208,852	115,703	230,023	42,221	66,930
January	221,374	392,818	614,192	208,656	117,010	232,679	43,965	71,805
February	221,154	407,431	628,585	207,723	118,961	243,019	44,349	72,443
March ..	218,058	418,041	636,099	209,454	120,738	248,938	41,514	74,142
April ..	215,845	420,200	636,045	215,387	122,597	257,528	34,771	62,665
May ..	214,112	416,673	630,785	220,442	123,077	258,969	35,326	48,098
June ..	213,149	413,953	627,102	224,341	122,698	258,469	32,276	40,049
1946—47—July ..	212,378	400,698	613,076	236,202	117,088	255,529	32,334	21,120
August ..	210,419	406,056	616,475	238,355	112,801	252,119	37,036	23,095

Period.	Percentages of various categories of assets to total deposits.(b)					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits. (b)
	Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills.	Advances.	Advances + Government and Municipal Securities in Australia.(c)	Special Account with Commonwealth Bank.	
Quarter—	%	%	%	%	%	%
1939—2nd	9.48	17.27	90.49	97.42	..	37.38
1942— „	9.98	20.22	69.84	84.40	9.52	50.10
1943— „	7.11	20.46	53.75	69.78	22.05	56.75
1944— „	7.15	19.11	41.77	57.44	33.18	59.44
1945— „	6.08	15.38	34.92	53.46	40.67	61.82
1946— „	5.41	13.52	(d) 34.78	(d) 54.22	40.88	66.05
Month—						
1945—46—September ..	6.64	17.19	35.85	54.70	37.89	61.20
October	6.86	17.16	35.73	54.63	38.38	61.94
November	6.50	16.89	35.52	54.63	38.44	62.38
December	6.96	18.00	34.45	53.53	37.94	63.26
January	7.16	18.85	33.97	53.02	37.88	63.96
February	7.06	18.58	33.05	51.98	38.66	64.82
March	6.53	18.19	32.93	51.91	39.14	65.72
April	5.47	15.32	33.86	53.14	40.49	66.06
May	5.60	13.22	34.94	54.45	41.05	66.05
June	5.15	11.54	35.77	55.34	41.22	66.01
1946—47—July	5.27	8.71	38.53	57.63	41.68	65.36
August	6.01	9.76	38.66	56.96	40.90	65.87

(a) Nine Trading Banks. (b) Excludes inscribed deposit stock. (c) Excludes Treasury Bills. (d) Figures for this and following periods are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets.

CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

Liabilities and Assets within Australia.(a)

£'000.

Month.	Deposits.			Advances.	Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Treasury Bills.	Other Australian Government and Municipal Securities.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.				

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA—GENERAL BANKING DIVISION.							
1945-46—September ..	20,755	31,819	52,574	14,511	7,553	5,000	31,724
October ..	21,421	32,268	53,689	14,569	9,086	5,000	31,699
November ..	21,625	32,849	54,474	14,479	8,212	5,000	33,862
December ..	22,188	34,605	56,793	14,478	10,203	5,000	34,509
January ..	22,219	34,174	56,393	14,525	9,010	5,000	34,462
February ..	21,732	35,812	57,544	20,373	7,002	3,500	33,900
March ..	21,089	36,640	57,729	22,341	5,340	3,000	33,400
April ..	20,534	37,701	58,235	22,457	5,425	3,000	33,400
May ..	19,874	38,846	58,720	21,984	5,670	3,500	33,900
June ..	19,365	38,615	57,980	18,323	5,032	3,875	35,400
1946-47—July ..	18,607	37,772	56,379	17,782	6,911	2,500	34,798
August ..	18,317	38,148	56,465	20,763	6,921	1,875	32,515

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(b)

1945-46—September ..	250,262	393,689	643,951	238,997	47,738	66,885	148,199
October ..	248,886	401,805	650,691	240,351	51,038	66,032	149,512
November ..	248,975	408,865	657,840	241,343	48,510	67,080	154,266
December ..	249,865	425,623	675,488	240,162	54,200	72,470	157,636
January ..	248,562	434,444	683,006	240,208	54,722	77,305	158,913
February ..	248,102	451,266	699,368	244,850	53,891	76,935	160,311
March ..	244,446	462,983	707,429	248,531	49,182	78,962	161,585
April ..	241,601	466,305	707,906	254,632	41,904	67,331	164,277
May ..	239,200	463,709	702,909	259,290	42,460	53,018	165,854
June ..	237,618	460,914	698,532	259,471	38,896	44,602	166,991
1946-47—July ..	236,102	447,766	683,868	275,412	41,873	24,090	160,437
August ..	233,831	453,545	687,376	280,744	46,401	25,437	153,867

(a) Average of weekly figures for month. (b) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act 1945*. Includes General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank of Australia, the Rural Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and from July, 1946 the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

£A'000.

Quarter.	General Banking Department.							Note Issue and General Banking Department.	Notes held outside Commonwealth Bank.. (b)
	Business within Australia.								
	Deposits.			Balances Due to Other Banks.	Special Deposits lodged by Trading Banks.	Advances, &c., and Short-term Loans.	Government and Municipal Securities (including Treasury Bills).	Sterling Reserve and Short Call Money in London.(a)	
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.						
1939—2nd ..	43,275	18,128	61,403	18,746	..	18,948	44,935	32,866	44,128
1940— „ ..	50,169	30,054	80,223	28,968	..	37,412	33,086	58,539	51,606
1941— „ ..	55,150	28,699	83,849	29,078	..	24,626	37,976	74,201	63,724
1942— „ ..	57,132	29,815	86,947	33,076	37,286	32,129	100,057	58,590	94,917
1943— „ ..	98,684	50,953	149,637	25,885	100,844	27,026	213,961	80,913	133,350
1944— „ ..	82,460	60,618	143,078	32,864	179,454	27,800	243,432	143,998	181,109
1945— „ ..	99,294	59,956	159,250	30,527	241,193	27,818	271,417	185,025	182,658

(a) Not to be taken as a measure of Net London Funds.

(b) Notes held by Other Banks and by Public.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

(Includes Commonwealth Bank.)

Quarter.	Deposits.(a)			Advances. (c)	Government and Municipal Securities (including Treasury Bills).	Percentage Non-interest-bearing to Total Deposits. (d)	Percentage Advances to Total Deposits. (d)
	Bearing Interest. (b)	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.(b)				
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	%	%
1939—2nd ..	250,562	140,225	390,787	332,688	93,820	35.6	85.1
1940— „ ..	268,196	170,778	438,974	347,380	118,733	38.9	75.7
1941— „ ..	268,408	189,643	458,051	330,535	142,928	41.3	68.9
1942— „ ..	255,646	227,076	482,722	323,850	198,429	47.0	64.0
1943— „ ..	301,819	314,609	616,428	291,680	352,250	50.9	45.1
1944— „ ..	308,812	385,681	694,493	270,864	399,090	55.6	37.2
1945— „ ..	330,573	431,868	762,441	251,705	443,490	56.6	31.4

(a) Customers' Deposits; excludes amounts deposited by trading banks with Commonwealth Bank. (b) Includes inscribed deposit stock of English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd. and Queensland National Bank Ltd. (c) Includes Short-term Loans, other than Treasury Bills, of the Commonwealth Bank. (d) In computing the ratios the figures relating to the Rural Bank of New South Wales have been excluded.

NOTE.—Owing to the reconstruction of the Commonwealth Bank on 21st August, 1945, comparable figures for later periods are not available for the Commonwealth Bank and All Cheque-paying Banks. See pages 33 and 35 for new series.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA—CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS.(a)

(Includes Note Issue Department.)

£A'000.

Month.	Notes on Issue held by—			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances held Abroad.	Government and Other Securities (including Treasury Bills).
	Banks.	Public.	Total.					
1945-46—September	15,937	169,652	185,589	221,242	26,522	144,870	158,565	416,779
October ..	16,226	171,688	187,914	226,270	27,591	144,382	163,845	418,773
November	16,675	173,414	190,089	229,046	25,821	140,672	173,603	408,060
December	18,203	178,261	196,464	231,872	28,771	142,432	173,880	421,730
January ..	18,415	176,362	194,777	234,568	30,101	140,446	175,258	418,290
February..	17,003	177,336	194,339	244,991	32,759	141,147	180,891	422,951
March ..	16,692	178,584	195,276	251,023	30,280	151,629	190,620	424,492
April ..	16,629	181,385	198,014	259,628	23,038	147,173	199,479	415,944
May ..	17,546	180,168	197,714	261,112	22,472	143,684	199,902	417,230
June ..	15,671	182,043	197,714	260,612	21,579	147,205	201,788	418,003
1946-47—July ..	17,306	180,624	197,930	257,672	20,103	148,859	203,852	414,110
August ..	16,871	180,809	197,680	254,262	25,084	132,662	212,152	397,671

(a) Average of weekly figures for month.

DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

All Cheque-paying Banks.

£'000.

Month.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
1945-46—September	48,618	41,488	15,096	8,502	5,091	2,589	77	121,461
October ..	50,233	41,734	15,130	7,777	5,376	2,872	92	123,214
November	50,866	43,054	15,325	7,972	5,588	2,756	82	125,643
December	51,831	44,430	15,071	7,982	5,667	2,716	114	127,811
January ..	44,617	42,508	12,596	7,721	5,859	2,655	78	116,034
February..	53,359	46,167	15,153	9,158	6,316	3,071	90	133,314
March ..	55,150	48,022	14,739	9,544	6,258	2,841	89	136,643
April ..	55,399	48,034	14,666	9,092	5,896	3,041	108	136,236
May ..	57,665	51,543	14,891	9,571	6,438	3,232	118	143,458
June ..	61,437	51,721	16,066	9,580	6,215	3,124	91	148,234
1946-47—July ..	66,380	54,773	16,943	10,335	(b)6,675	3,449	130	158,685
August ..	57,669	50,438	15,780	9,158	6,762	3,151	98	143,056

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act 1945*. Average of four or five weeks ended on last Monday in month.

(b) Includes Rural Department of Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia for July, 1946, and following months.

BANK CLEARINGS.

In the absence of statistics of debits to customers' accounts, bank clearings form a useful index of the money-value of cheque payments. Since they do not include cheques deposited in the banks on which they are drawn, the figures are not exhaustive, and their comparability is sometimes impaired by the effects of banking amalgamations. Cheque clearings connected with the redemption or issue of Treasury Bills have been excluded from the following table, but adjustments have not been made for other sporadic transactions concerned with public finance. Statistics of debits to customers' accounts from September, 1945 are shown on page 35.

Period.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals.	
							Weekly Averages.	Index. (a)
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
Weekly Averages.								
1928-29	20,064	15,408	3,777	3,093	2,188	542	45,072	1,047
1937-38	17,964	16,323	4,038	3,040	2,092	577	44,034	1,023
1938-39	17,832	15,415	4,212	2,953	2,055	623	43,090	1,001
1939-40	19,541	17,661	4,670	3,246	2,234	697	48,049	1,116
1940-41	21,194	19,784	4,726	3,499	2,229	672	52,104	1,210
1941-42	22,747	22,823	4,815	3,970	2,336	731	57,422	1,334
1942-43	26,084	25,830	5,904	4,532	2,489	813	65,652	1,525
1943-44	28,071	27,051	6,816	4,924	2,719	943	70,524	1,638
1944-45	28,556	27,839	6,895	5,127	2,777	1,032	72,226	1,678
1945-46	30,968	31,398	7,154	5,593	3,257	1,185	79,555	1,848
1944-45—								
August	28,109	26,911	7,361	4,809	2,648	981	70,819	1,645
September ..	27,616	28,647	6,848	5,103	2,682	1,021	71,917	1,670
October	28,679	28,181	7,385	5,373	2,877	1,093	73,588	1,709
November ..	28,959	27,690	7,151	5,479	2,745	908	72,932	1,694
December ..	29,749	27,697	7,077	4,758	2,881	951	73,113	1,698
January	24,391	23,948	5,875	4,788	3,066	1,081	63,149	1,467
February ..	28,107	27,983	6,647	5,097	2,872	916	71,622	1,664
March	29,538	30,236	6,446	5,354	2,768	1,031	75,373	1,751
April	29,138	26,824	6,445	5,046	2,664	1,124	71,241	1,655
May	28,816	29,074	6,451	5,054	2,706	1,040	73,141	1,699
June	28,243	29,282	7,518	5,571	2,759	1,057	74,430	1,729
1945-46—								
July	32,806	29,502	7,865	5,094	2,961	1,264	79,492	1,846
August	26,361	26,765	7,051	4,600	2,667	1,004	68,448	1,590
September ..	29,991	28,349	7,439	5,162	2,865	1,110	74,916	1,740
October	30,879	28,958	7,492	5,175	3,051	1,187	76,742	1,782
November ..	29,643	29,552	7,548	5,363	3,195	1,211	76,512	1,777
December ..	28,776	30,457	7,266	5,385	3,234	1,110	76,228	1,770
January	25,391	30,013	5,936	5,153	3,783	1,337	71,613	1,663
February ..	32,303	33,920	7,065	6,375	3,662	1,106	84,431	1,961
March	33,690	34,470	6,691	6,492	3,520	1,144	86,007	1,998
April	32,525	33,095	6,838	6,237	3,158	1,261	83,114	1,930
May	33,997	36,589	6,978	5,993	3,624	1,280	88,461	2,055
June	34,977	36,003	7,470	6,208	3,514	1,179	89,351	2,075
1946-47—								
July	41,532	37,839	7,846	6,370	3,630	1,347	98,564	2,289
August	35,031	32,940	7,138	5,599	3,751	1,251	85,710	1,991

(a) Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. The monthly index is based on the clearings for the month without adjustment for seasonal variations.

AMOUNTS ON DEPOSIT IN SAVINGS BANKS, ETC.

£'000.

Amount on deposit at end of—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.(a)
1928-29 ..	85,728	72,707	24,076	25,228	11,609	5,811	225,486
1938-39 ..	87,474	80,461	29,045	27,397	12,396	8,396	245,587
1939-40 ..	82,111	79,145	28,252	26,563	11,860	8,518	236,991
1940-41 ..	87,750	85,689	29,089	27,510	12,521	8,941	252,231
1941-42 ..	94,538	94,226	31,214	30,616	13,821	9,472	274,275
1942-43 ..	122,405	121,249	45,197	38,563	18,884	11,174	357,995
1943-44 ..	162,867	153,887	65,479	48,592	25,791	14,213	471,530
1944-45 ..	198,203	182,149	80,094	56,995	31,763	16,914	566,964
1945-46 ..	236,242	211,326	90,063	65,865	38,289	20,448	663,554
1944-45—							
August ..	170,104	160,321	68,128	50,530	26,987	14,878	491,666
September ..	173,037	162,563	69,601	51,313	27,675	15,106	500,021
October ..	173,981	163,162	70,427	51,562	27,977	15,199	503,049
November ..	176,748	165,304	71,684	52,121	28,492	15,357	510,463
December ..	179,128	167,044	72,633	52,817	28,775	15,537	516,685
January ..	181,801	169,367	73,965	53,540	29,325	15,727	524,495
February ..	184,725	171,948	74,968	54,133	29,714	16,062	532,312
March ..	187,894	174,222	75,834	54,793	30,211	16,267	539,990
April ..	189,566	174,639	76,365	54,999	30,493	16,356	543,201
May ..	192,884	177,464	77,787	55,593	30,929	16,601	552,074
June ..	198,203	182,149	80,094	56,995	31,763	16,914	(b)566,964
1945-46—							
July ..	200,932	184,612	81,153	57,643	32,191	17,193	574,593
August ..	204,794	188,034	82,047	58,580	32,749	17,617	584,704
September ..	207,520	190,937	83,175	59,269	33,307	17,871	592,970
October ..	209,905	192,793	84,254	59,837	33,952	18,027	599,651
November ..	214,806	195,938	85,731	60,974	34,845	18,476	611,689
December ..	219,560	198,614	87,168	61,973	35,449	18,862	622,583
January ..	224,705	201,994	88,488	63,163	36,638	19,275	635,255
February ..	228,711	204,785	89,233	63,973	37,452	19,777	645,131
March ..	230,420	205,948	89,235	64,489	37,645	19,946	648,852
April ..	230,920	206,357	89,146	64,527	37,571	19,998	649,735
May ..	232,221	207,678	89,025	64,567	37,669	20,226	652,670
June ..	236,242	211,326	90,063	65,865	38,289	20,448	(b)663,554
1946-47—							
July ..	237,305	212,469	90,352	66,129	38,404	20,588	666,621
August ..	236,985	213,212	89,911	66,350	38,247	20,758	666,858

(a) Includes Internal Territories. (b) Includes Interest added, 1943-44, £7.4m.; 1944-45, £9.0m.; 1945-46, £10.9m. approx.

Australian Notes held by Public on last Monday in each Month.

£'000.

	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
July ..	126,683	179,195	167,051	180,181
August ..	131,575	180,039	168,785	180,451
September ..	134,701	181,939	170,217	..
October ..	139,498	182,679	171,950	..
November ..	137,939	180,269	173,308	..
December ..	150,001	187,189	179,749	..
January ..	148,813	178,199	178,291	..
February ..	152,255	176,524	177,571	..
March ..	161,179	171,280	178,188	..
April ..	166,496	168,535	181,831	..
May ..	168,621	168,996	180,274	..
June ..	174,258	169,810	181,673	..

War Savings Certificates.—Net amounts subscribed at end of each month. First issue made 18th March, 1940:—

£'000.

	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
July ..	35,832	44,451	52,962	55,405
August ..	36,396	45,228	53,440	56,028
September ..	37,054	45,803	53,622	..
October ..	37,807	46,460	53,768	..
November ..	39,240	47,342	53,981	..
December ..	40,122	47,928	54,301	..
January ..	40,583	48,492	54,089	..
February ..	41,176	48,970	54,283	..
March ..	41,774	50,467	54,184	..
April ..	42,256	51,381	54,279	..
May ..	43,053	52,041	54,416	..
June ..	43,721	52,534	54,666	..

June, 1940, £6.1m.; June, 1941, £17.4m.; June, 1942, £26.2m.; June, 1943, £35.1m.

INTEREST RATES AND SECURITY YIELDS : AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Australian Trading Banks. Interest on Fixed Deposits.				C'wealth Savings Bank.	Treasury Bills.	C'wealth Govt. Securities.				
	3 months.	6 months.	12 months.	24 months.	Deposits (maxi- mum rate of Interest).		Taxed at 1930 C'wealth Rates.				
							5 years and under 10.		10 years and over.		
							% (a)		% (a)		
1928-29 ..	4.0	4.0	4.5	5.0	3.9	4.50	..	..	
1938-39 ..	2.0	2.5	2.75	3.0	2.0	1.75	3.83	3.84			
1940-41 ..	1.5	2.0	2.25	2.5	2.0	1.50	3.04	3.13			
							2.97	3.13			
							Taxed at Current C'wlth. Rates.		Taxed at 1930 C'wlth. Rates.		
							Short- dated, 2 years.	Long- dated, 12 years.	Short- dated, 2 years.	Medium- dated, 7 years.	Long- dated, 12 years. b
							% (c)	% (c)	% (c)	% (c)	% (c)
1941-42 ..	1.43	1.73	1.98	2.23	2.0	1.50	2.40	3.24	2.35	2.92	3.18
1942-43 ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.0	1.50	2.48	3.24	2.45	2.77	2.99
1943-44 ..	1.13	1.39	1.64	2.00	2.0	1.34	2.45	3.24	2.36	2.69	..
1944-45 ..	0.56	0.81	1.28	1.78	2.0	1.17	2.47	3.25	2.19	2.47	..
1945-46 ..	0.50	0.75	1.10	1.60	2.0	1.00	2.19	3.24	2.22	2.71	..
1945-46—											
August ..	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	2.0	1.00	2.49	3.25	2.44	2.59	..
September ..	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	2.0	1.00	2.48	3.25	2.43	2.82	..
October ..	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	2.0	1.00	2.48	3.24	2.32	2.83	..
November ..	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	2.0	1.00	2.43	3.24	2.41	2.77	..
December ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	1.00	2.46	3.25	2.41	2.75	..
January ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	1.00	2.27	3.24	2.25	2.66	..
February ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	1.00	1.92	3.24	1.99	2.62	..
March ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	1.00	1.82	3.24	1.97	2.62	..
April ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	1.00	1.81	3.24	1.98	2.67	..
May ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	1.00	1.79	3.25	2.00	2.78	..
June ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	1.00	1.79	3.25	1.98	2.74	..
1946-47—											
July ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	1.00	1.90	3.24	1.93	2.69	..
August ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	1.00	1.88	3.25	1.92	2.52	..

(a) Weighted averages for last Wednesday in month. Calculated, when loans above par, on earliest date of maturity.
 (b) Discontinued—Yields uncertain after June, 1943. (c) Rate for securities maturing in 2, 7 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, 5-10 and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (d) See footnote (e).
 (e) For this and following months—on first £10,000 of deposit. On amounts in excess of £10,000 the rate is 1.00 per cent.

RATES OF INTEREST ON FIRST MORTGAGES : NEW SOUTH WALES. URBAN SECURITIES—WEIGHTED AVERAGES.(a)

Period.	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	Period.	%
	%	%	%	%	%	1946—	
March ..	5.6	5.1	5.0	4.9	4.7	March ..	4.7
June ..	5.6	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.4	April ..	4.6
September ..	5.5	5.0	5.0	4.8	..	May ..	4.5
December ..	5.8	5.0	5.0	4.7	..	June ..	4.4
Year Ended December	5.6	5.1	5.0	4.8	..	July ..	4.4
Year Ended June ..	5.5	5.2	5.0	4.9	4.7	August ..	4.4

(a) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.

EXCHANGE RATES AND GOLD PRICES.

Period.	Exchange Rates.			Gold Prices.	
	Australia on London.(a)	London on New York.(a)	Australia on New York.(b)	Australia : Export Parity.(c)	London.
	£A. per £100 stg.	\$ per £ stg.	\$ per £A.	£A. per fine oz.	£ stg. per fine oz.
1928-29	100.75	4.852	4.828	4.217	4.248
1938-39	125.25	4.738	3.759	9.137	7.340
1939-40	125.25	4.138	3.285	10.418	8.239
1940-41	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.671	8.400
1941-42	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.565	8.400
1942-43	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.450	8.400
1943-44	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.452	8.400
1944-45	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.592	8.413
1945-46	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.763	8.613
1944-45—					
August	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.500	8.400
September	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.550	8.400
October	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.600	8.400
November	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.600	8.400
December	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.600	8.400
January	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.600	8.400
February	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.600	8.400
March	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.600	8.400
April	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.600	8.400
May	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.614	8.400
June	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.739	8.555
1945-46—					
July	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.763	8.613
August	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.763	8.613
September	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.763	8.613
October	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.763	8.613
November	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.763	8.613
December	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.763	8.613
January	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.763	8.613
February	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.763	8.613
March	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.763	8.613
April	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.763	8.613
May	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.763	8.613
June	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.763	8.613
1946-47—					
July	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.763	8.613
August	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.763	8.613

(a) Average of buying and selling rates for Telegraphic Transfers. (b) Selling rate. Direct quotations from July, 1932, to date. Computed through London prior to that date. (c) Average price paid by the mints in Australia as from July, 1932. Prior thereto the export parity was calculated directly from London prices.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

£'000.

Government of—	July–August, 1945–46.			July–August, 1946–47.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (–).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (–).
New South Wales (a) ..	9,933	10,962	– 1,029	11,763	11,571	+ 192
Victoria	4,039	5,296	– 1,257	5,282	5,352	– 70
Queensland	3,226	3,969	– 743	3,433	4,389	– 956
South Australia ..	1,961	2,690	– 729	2,367	2,616	– 249
Western Australia ..	2,046	2,357	– 311	2,169	2,408	– 239
Tasmania	466	436	+ 30	612	487	+ 125
Six States	21,671	25,710	– 4,039	25,626	26,823	– 1,197
Commonwealth	62,535	62,535	..	60,985	60,985	..
Grand Total (c) ..	79,162	83,201	– 4,039	79,313	80,510	– 1,197

£'000.

Government of—	Year 1944–45.			Year 1945–46.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (–).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (–).
New South Wales (a) ..	74,798	73,830	+ 968	72,712	72,321	+ 391
Victoria	35,273	34,924	+ 349	35,191	35,185	+ 6
Queensland	26,447	25,878	+ 569	24,775	24,760	+ 15
South Australia	(b)16,113	16,113	..	(b)16,343	16,343	..
Western Australia	13,954	13,949	+ 5	(b)14,408	14,408	..
Tasmania	3,656	3,675	– 19	(b) 3,933	4,034	– 101
Six States	170,241	168,369	+1,872	167,362	167,051	+ 311
Commonwealth	376,854	376,854	..	390,780	390,780	..
Grand Total (c) ..	501,233	499,361	+1,872	511,487	511,176	+ 311

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget. (b) Includes additional financial assistance granted by the Commonwealth under the *State Grants (Income Tax Re-imbursement) Act 1942–1944–45*, South Australia, £553,000; 1945–46, South Australia, £1,101,000; Western Australia, £913,000; Tasmania, £119,000. (c) To avoid duplication on aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States for compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts and special grants, also pay-roll tax payments by States to the Commonwealth.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)

£'000.

Where Redeemable.	Commonwealth Securities issued on behalf of—							
	Commonwealth.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total.
At 31st August, 1946—								
Australia (b) ..	313,280	..	..	..	..	..	..	313,280
London	2,470	9,796	5,805	..	3,816	2,960	491	25,338
At 31st August, 1945—								
Australia (b) ..	358,280	..	..	..	..	..	..	358,280
London	2,720	9,796	5,805	..	3,816	2,960	491	25,588

(a) Excludes overdrafts. For debt redeemable in Australia the unit of currency is £1 Australian; in London, £1 sterling.
(b) Excludes Internal Treasury Bills.

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.C.'s Department.(a)	Broadcast Listeners' Licences in force at end of period.(b)	Telephone Services connected at end of period.	
			Lines.	Instruments.
	£'000.	No.	No.	No.
Monthly Averages.				
1928-29	1,071	300,528	384,358	505,554
1937-38	1,396	1,056,004	465,498	630,175
1938-39	1,447	1,129,786	487,535	661,996
1939-40	1,491	1,212,260	506,612	691,088
1940-41	1,590	1,293,266	525,547	720,321
1941-42	1,803	1,320,073	531,075	738,666
1942-43	2,033	(c) 1,419,793	540,261	766,846
1943-44	2,223	1,454,302	557,072	799,729
1944-45	2,323	1,479,802	577,777	827,862
1945-46	2,367	1,506,180	607,475	855,917
Monthly Totals.				
1944-45—				
August	2,432	1,449,484	561,024	805,746
September	2,298	1,457,455	562,614	807,988
October	2,314	1,457,153	563,979	809,577
November	2,279	1,460,477	565,225	811,268
December	2,279	1,455,576	566,175	812,543
January	2,262	1,463,963	567,364	813,949
February	2,423	1,461,065	569,456	816,404
March	2,454	1,465,501	571,825	819,842
April	2,169	1,474,614	573,788	822,410
May	2,433	1,480,843	575,916	825,270
June	2,382	1,479,802	577,777	827,862
1945-46—				
July	2,190	1,482,897	580,051	830,476
August	2,495	1,483,919	582,626	833,457
September	2,309	1,475,525	585,347	836,497
October	2,545	1,483,221	587,604	839,024
November	2,279	1,485,788	589,995	841,161
December	2,105	1,484,453	591,789	842,621
January	2,478	1,487,194	594,223	844,434
February	2,341	1,492,049	596,071	845,393
March	2,424	1,494,559	598,642	847,406
April	2,244	1,502,038	601,075	849,163
May	2,565	1,504,080	604,196	852,203
June	2,421	1,506,180	607,475	855,917
1946-47—				
July	2,311	1,518,793	611,349	859,291
August	2,446	1,531,462	615,305	863,413

(a) Actual collections.
are included.

(b) Includes Papua.

(c) Commencing in July, 1942, licences for receivers in excess of one

OVERSEA MIGRATION.(a)

Period.	Temporary.		Permanent.		
	Australians Departing Overseas.	Visitors Arriving from Overseas.	Arrivals.	Departures.	Excess of Arrivals (+) or Departures (-).
Monthly Averages.					
1928-29	2,079	2,183	3,148	1,689	+1,459
1937-38	2,060	2,617	1,478	925	+ 553
1938-39	1,966	2,649	2,081	1,055	+1,026
1939-40	629	1,526	1,295	607	+ 688
1940-41	272	957	(b)1,198	341	+ 857
1941-42	103	474	(b)1,172	225	+ 947
1942-43	49	83	(b) 248	122	+ 126
1943-44	100	200	(b) 208	229	- 21
1944-45	255	246	(b) 342	577	- 235
1945-46	344	550	1,063	1,772	- 709
Monthly Totals.					
1944-45—					
July	351	344	240	709	- 469
August	183	223	128	615	- 487
September	326	253	140	500	- 360
October	306	429	427	129	+ 298
November	192	213	217	237	- 20
December	433	167	365	461	- 96
January	217	234	468	229	+ 239
February	165	78	143	940	- 797
March	276	311	605	748	- 143
April	227	199	666	1,032	- 366
May	206	263	303	522	- 219
June	180	237	408	803	- 395
1945-46—					
July	268	258	431	1,290	- 859
August	246	221	297	658	- 361
September	299	580	761	1,547	- 786
October	231	905	1,959	846	+1,113
November	275	361	841	1,235	- 394
December	198	457	630	935	- 305
January	451	315	887	1,103	- 216
February	407	699	1,576	2,259	- 683
March	364	827	899	2,580	-1,681
April	475	551	1,538	3,453	-1,915
May	583	795	1,312	3,322	-2,010
June	330	627	1,624	2,040	- 416
1946-47—					
July	508	689	1,157	4,327	-3,170

(a) Excludes troop movements.
1943-44, 44; 1944-45, 35.

(b) Includes evacuees, monthly averages—1940-41, 426; 1941-42, 820; 1942-43, 102;

PRODUCTION OF FOODSTUFFS.

This and the following tables give particulars, on a monthly basis, of the quantity of production of certain items at present available. Efforts are being made to extend the field of monthly production statistics.

Period.	Wheaten Flour.	Dairy Products (Factory Production).		Meat (Bone-in-Weight).					
		Butter.	Cheese.	Beef (including Veal).	Mutton.	Lamb.	Pork.	Bacon and Ham.	Total in Terms of Fresh Meat.
	Short tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
	Weekly Average.								
1928-29	24,412			Monthly Averages.					
		10,177	1,098	36,353	14,783	4,421	1,478	2,772	61,192
1937-38	26,021								
1938-39	28,599	15,242	2,018	49,733	17,196	9,915	3,234	2,617	84,002
1939-40	28,830	16,232	2,415	46,601	17,146	9,545	3,086	2,770	80,533
1940-41	29,536	16,974	2,581	44,581	17,092	9,583	3,552	2,924	79,193
		15,417	2,220	41,077	18,382	11,788	4,214	3,325	80,448
1941-42	23,483								
1942-43	20,737	13,397	2,504	44,459	19,463	11,514	4,841	3,539	85,584
1943-44	28,302	13,696	2,998	44,539	20,233	14,196	3,251	3,900	88,069
1944-45	(a) 28,395	12,569	2,971	41,723	22,949	12,779	3,790	3,810	86,957
1945-46 (a)	25,399	(a) 11,427	(a) 2,870	38,358	21,459	11,526	3,830	4,554	82,004
		12,110	3,403	32,920	16,787	7,831	2,854	4,000	67,337
				Monthly Totals.					
1944-45—	(b)								(c)
July	33,036	6,149	1,567	40,143	17,764	6,986	3,087	4,272	75,333
August	33,304	8,610	2,547	42,108	17,986	10,330	3,104	4,705	81,531
September	32,783	12,559	3,927	39,088	19,045	16,466	3,572	4,526	85,905
October	(d) 32,278	16,845	5,274	37,549	21,590	23,275	3,932	4,377	93,857
November	26,724	15,966	4,858	37,219	23,642	23,928	4,214	4,892	97,286
December	23,909	15,205	4,111	31,684	27,008	16,041	4,659	4,610	87,252
January	24,531	15,423	3,269	27,897	28,648	9,329	4,067	4,764	78,032
February	25,564	12,147	2,420	28,736	24,297	6,048	3,573	4,424	70,235
March	25,722	12,941	2,459	31,757	21,217	5,955	4,132	4,586	70,885
April	(d) 19,299	8,729	1,486	38,225	19,440	7,886	3,950	4,623	77,381
May	19,215	6,808	1,273	47,511	19,090	5,962	4,326	4,919	85,213
June	18,606	5,893	1,273	48,062	17,203	5,818	3,341	3,953	81,299
1945-46—						(a)	(a)	(a)	
July	19,245	6,708	1,626	44,148	15,459	6,524	3,020	3,739	75,715
August	16,673	8,636	2,505	41,091	15,086	6,008	2,991	4,200	72,421
September	(d) 17,969	10,895	3,848	34,189	15,601	7,007	2,851	3,889	66,427
October	15,798	15,881	5,218	35,319	17,607	11,954	2,822	4,191	74,934
November	16,818	16,016	5,140	32,836	18,037	11,385	3,352	4,159	72,794
December	19,178	16,456	4,814	28,058	17,410	9,792	3,067	4,089	65,406
January	17,936	14,315	3,493	31,040	18,102	7,310	3,044	4,200	66,741
February	29,529	14,152	3,206	29,885	16,566	4,795	2,358	3,906	60,408
March	(d) 32,629	14,664	3,514	32,802	15,618	4,786	2,805	3,975	62,919
April	28,262	11,713	2,886	23,533	14,719	5,888	1,765	3,513	52,120
May	34,055	9,231	2,563	30,100	18,157	9,026	3,208	4,227	67,777
June	31,393	6,648	2,024	32,038	19,078	9,497	2,961	3,909	70,383
1946-47—									
July	33,494	7,048	2,144	44,505	20,922	9,452	3,363	4,386	85,766

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Except where otherwise indicated averages of four weeks' production are shown. (c) Includes estimate of 875 tons of beef, 50 tons of mutton and 20 tons of lamb produced in Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (d) Average of six weeks' production.

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

Period.	Building Materials.			Stoves.		
	Bricks.	Terra-cotta Roofing Tiles.	Cement Building Sheets.	Solid Fuel.	Gas.	Electric.
	'000.	'000.	'000 sq. yds.	No.	No.	No.
Monthly Averages.						
1928-29	63,107	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
1937-38	57,403	3,023	678	4,562	3,481	749
1938-39	60,046	3,307	791	4,538	3,894	730
1939-40	52,417	3,274	851	4,626	3,816	1,062
1940-41	54,526	3,210	1,156	4,428	3,822	1,212
1941-42	45,144	2,564	1,179	4,088	3,826	1,014
1942-43	15,494	327	1,232	3,248	1,657	513
1943-44	8,996	254	1,419	2,851	1,315	376
1944-45	12,615	764	1,205	3,146	1,487	516
1945-46	24,614	1,954	1,320	(b) 3,329	(b) 2,488	(b) 651
Monthly Totals.						
1945-46—						
July	(c) 17,253	(c) 1,047	1,182	(a)	(a)	(a)
August	(c) 17,836	(c) 1,120	1,221	(a)	(a)	(a)
September	(c) 18,971	(c) 1,216	1,255	(a)	(a)	(a)
October	(c) 22,233	(c) 1,608	1,381	(a)	(a)	(a)
November	24,440	(c) 1,887	1,420	(a)	(a)	(a)
December	16,789	(c) 1,492	606	(a)	(a)	(a)
January	20,466	1,767	1,157	} (d) 3,321	(d) 2,339	(d) 624
February	27,221	2,398	1,581			
March	30,571	2,753	1,535			
April	29,801	2,597	1,319	3,481	2,461	646
May	37,645	3,013	1,786	3,862	2,718	708
June	32,136	2,546	(e) 1,389	2,670	2,734	681
1946-47—						
July	41,273	3,053	1,480	3,266	2,925	932

(a) Not available.
(e) Revised.

(b) Average for six months.

(c) Partly estimated.

(d) Average of three months' production.

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES—continued.

Period.	Ferrous Castings.			Sanitary Earthenware.			
	Baths.	Basins.	Sinks.	Pans.	Basins.	Sinks.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Monthly Totals.							
1945-46—	}	(a)2,993	(a)2,456	(a)2,175	(a)5,770	(a)1,581	(a) 205
January							
February							
March	}	(b)4,172	(b)2,820	(b)3,843	(b)6,192	(b)1,429	(b) 129
April							
May							
June	4,228	3,447	3,467	5,842	1,489	240	
1946-47—							
July	5,063	4,002	3,946	5,935	1,489	209	

Period.	Heating Appliances.				
	Coppers.		Bath Heaters.		
	Solid Fuel.	Gas.	Solid Fuel.	Gas.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Monthly Totals.					
1945-46—	}	(a) 2,036	(a) 1,369	(a) 5,469	(a) 1,928
January					
February					
March	}	3,126	1,752	5,923	2,651
April					
May					
June	6,562	1,962	5,555	2,475	
1946-47—					
July	4,437	1,908	8,125	2,441	

(a) Average of three months' production.

(b) Average of two months' production.

MISCELLANEOUS INDEXES OF PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY.

Period.	Black Coal Produced.	Metals.				Electricity and Gas.		
		Pig-iron : Index of Production. (a)	Ingot Steel : Index of Production. (a)	Zinc, refined : Index of Production.	Gold Produced.	Sydney : Index of Sales of Gas and Electricity.	Mel- bourne : Energy supplied for all purposes except traction.(b)	Tasmania : Energy generated for all purposes except traction.
		Average 3 years ended June, 1939 =1,000.			Fine oz.	(c)	Millions of K.W.H.	Millions of K.W.H.
Monthly Averages.								
1928-29 ..	206	469	382	921	36,496	..	..	..
1937-38 ..	221	946	1,022	998	123,274	121	48.0	44.6
1938-39 ..	235	1,124	1,032	999	134,160	126	50.3	47.0
1939-40 ..	235	1,234	1,138	1,042	141,206	134	55.7	51.2
1940-41 ..	244	1,488	1,450	1,079	128,391	141	63.1	54.7
1941-42 ..	275	1,585	1,496	1,083	115,896	149	70.5	60.2
1942-43 ..	277	1,424	1,439	1,102	77,543	163	75.8	63.1
1943-44 ..	264	1,329	1,343	1,154	56,769	167	76.5	65.9
1944-45 ..	265	1,138	1,186	1,136	54,432	174	77.1	65.8
1945-46 ..	(d) 243	(d) 886	(d) 882	1,151	(d)57,000	177	80.5	67.5
Monthly Totals.								
1944-45—	(e)							
March ..	(f) 260	1,107	1,083	1,208	55,848	171	75.1	67.2
April ..	264	880	1,020	1,197	49,410	172	70.1	66.1
May ..	245	919	1,012	1,206	48,859	178	89.5	73.5
June ..	263	1,345	1,193	1,205	53,264	176	86.2	72.1
1945-46—								
July ..	282	1,317	1,149	1,206	55,993	184	96.8	74.8
August ..	247	1,247	1,167	1,224	75,347	177	92.8	73.8
September ..	(f) 265	1,119	1,115	1,230	49,943	180	80.9	71.4
October ..	246	635	627	1,184	51,984	174	80.7	71.1
November ..	273	216	135	1,014	58,550	179	72.1	60.2
December ..	131	29	..	1,037	55,813	123	64.8	58.5
January ..	161	585	721	1,100	(d)53,000	165	69.1	62.5
February ..	266	1,009	1,208	1,121	(d)51,000	181	69.8	58.5
March ..	(f) 275	1,036	1,163	1,128	(d)55,000	185	82.2	66.6
April ..	230	1,153	1,087	1,109	(d)57,000	189	80.5	65.0
May ..	264	1,106	1,125	1,231	(d)62,000	192	92.4	75.0
June ..	247	1,186	1,146	1,236	(d)60,000	197	84.1	72.7
1946-47—								
July ..	(f) 257	1,231	1,158	1,217	(d)67,000	195	93.9	74.4
August ..	(g)	1,126	1,123	1,042	(d)109,000	195	92.3	70.8

(a) Revised series, now based throughout on total production. (b) Includes all central generating stations. (c) The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding months of the three years 1929 to 1931; i.e., seasonal variations are removed. Based on units of 3,412 B.Th.U. (d) Subject to revision. (e) Source: Commonwealth Coal Commission. Except where otherwise indicated averages of four weeks' production are shown. (f) Average of six weeks' production. (g) Not yet available.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of the *Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944*, which came into effect on 1st July, 1945.

Month.	Persons.						Australia.		
	New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia. (b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Males.	Females.	Persons.

NUMBER OF PERSONS ADMITTED TO BENEFIT EACH MONTH.(c)

1945-46—									
July	116	93	143	22	42	6	371	51	422
August	87	50	35	22	34	4	221	11	232
September ..	134	82	90	70	67	23	433	33	466
October	354	114	107	97	87	23	720	62	782
November .. .	1,114	170	153	65	77	16	1,511	84	1,595
December .. .	40,637	474	537	8,559	184	18	39,390	11,019	50,409
January .. .	2,306	304	1,607	1,257	243	19	5,380	356	5,736
February .. .	626	274	2,056	201	452	40	3,541	108	3,649
March .. .	1,135	252	1,663	158	538	55	3,666	135	3,801
April .. .	860	205	1,558	149	500	34	3,190	116	3,306
May .. .	540	274	1,128	153	506	34	2,548	87	2,635
June .. .	711	318	646	152	937	37	2,651	150	2,801
1946-47—									
July	728	459	2,054	162	871	55	3,981	348	4,329
August .. .	804	367	3,858	113	952	45	5,134	1,005	6,139

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.(d)

1945-46—									
July	94	74	62	17	28	6	266	15	281
August .. .	124	87	48	27	45	7	322	16	338
September ..	157	101	77	65	59	21	456	24	480
October .. .	365	151	124	113	72	26	789	62	851
November .. .	813	214	199	107	93	26	1,339	113	1,452
December .. .	30,724	565	623	7,631	214	33	32,450	7,340	39,790
January .. .	2,235	488	1,704	698	328	36	5,275	214	5,489
February .. .	1,413	422	2,707	418	546	60	5,365	201	5,566
March .. .	1,781	394	2,829	343	720	79	5,866	280	6,146
April .. .	1,389	446	3,457	389	934	83	6,369	329	6,698
May .. .	1,442	513	3,892	411	1,190	78	7,178	348	7,526
June .. .	1,665	610	4,223	449	1,854	88	8,451	438	8,889
1946-47—									
July	1,875	777	4,379	416	1,650	132	8,767	462	9,229
August .. .	2,138	837	3,952	379	2,021	149	8,992	484	9,476

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Four- or five-weekly period ending last Saturday of month. (d) Last Saturday of month.

NOTE.—Due to delay in furnishing information in respect of some persons granted benefit, the figures above are subject to revision. This applies more particularly to the most recent months.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS—continued.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PAYMENTS DURING EACH MONTH (£).

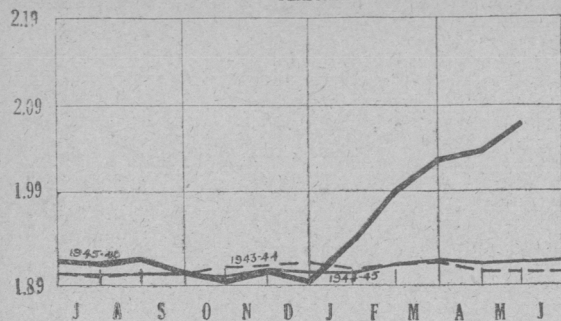
Month.	New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
1945-46—							
July	51	99	8	23	38	13	232
August	728	668	77	219	273	43	2,008
September	877	656	428	175	306	71	2,513
October	1,514	770	612	665	494	184	4,239
November	2,897	1,169	1,285	876	807	245	7,279
December	12,203	1,145	1,684	1,610	574	203	17,419
January	132,872	5,118	5,893	52,140	1,910	573	198,506
February	82,086	3,727	12,809	7,543	2,987	115	109,267
March	9,422	3,222	21,286	2,868	4,986	546	42,330
April	9,998	3,217	12,894	1,944	5,863	589	34,505
May	13,215	3,801	22,068	2,702	8,921	724	51,431
June	9,342	4,642	29,094	2,461	9,281	521	55,341
1946-47—							
July	10,013	4,111	35,164	3,045	10,462	623	63,418
August	12,452	6,098	32,290	2,181	11,726	755	65,502

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

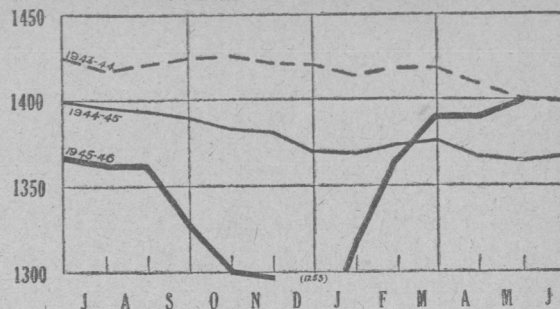
(b) Includes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—Benefits are paid weekly, in arrears.

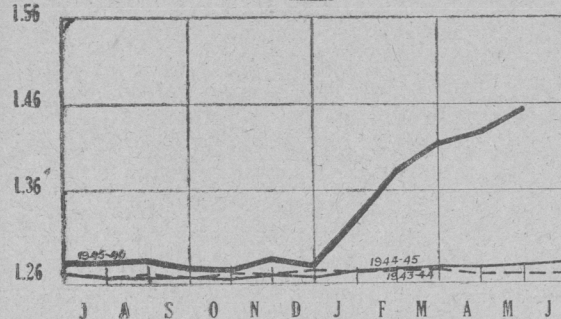
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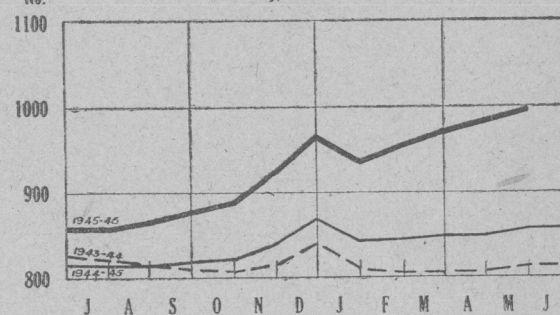
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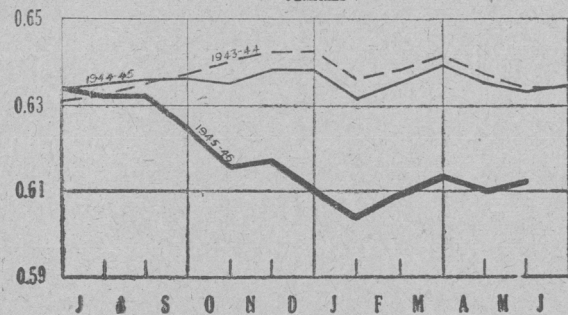
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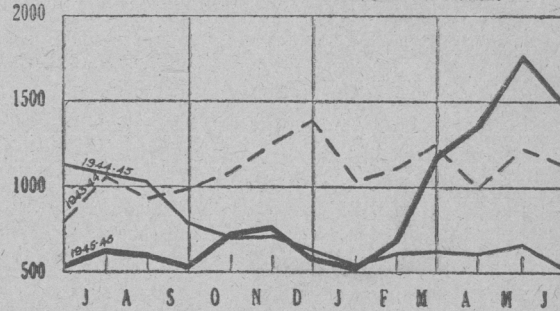
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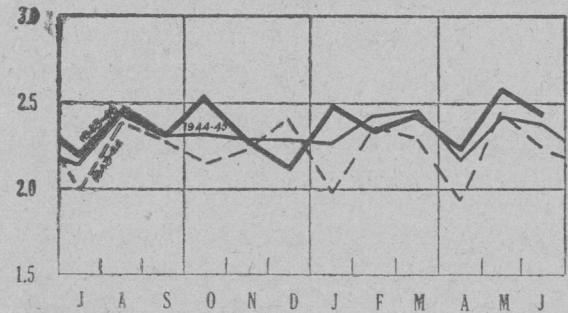
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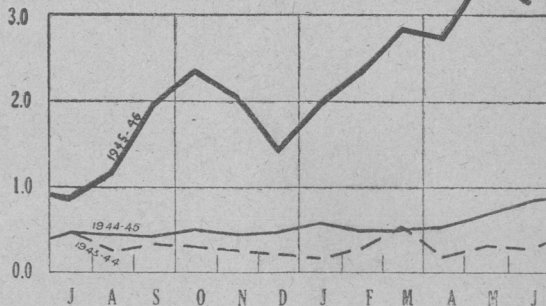
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